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## 1 dead in Marpi car accident

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A car accident in Marpi around midnight last Sunday killed one teenager and sent two others to the hospital's intensive care unit, according to the Department of Public Safety.

According to a police officer, DPS officers and Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services responded to Marpi last Sunday, Aug. 14, to what DPS refers to as an "auto ran-off," usually referring to a collision that occurs when a vehicle leaves the road.

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## NMI records 39th COVID death

The Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. have confirmed the CNMI's 39th COVID-19-related death.

Also, as of Aug. 15, 2022, there are two individuals hospitalized as a result of COVID-19.

In the latest update from CHCC last night, it said that there were three new hospitalizations related to COVID-19 from Aug. 7 to 13, 2022. With the latest report saying that the number of hospitalized is down to two, it is presumed that the latest fatality was one

of the initial three who were hospitalized.

From Aug. 7 to 13, 2022, 80 additional individuals were confirmed positive for COVID-19, bringing the CNMI total to 12,948 cases since March 28, 2020; two were

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## Last batch of 2nd local stimulus in the works

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Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig disclosed Friday that they have already distributed about \$21 mil-



Atalig

» **About \$21M in 2nd local stimulus already distributed**

lion for the second Local Economic Impact Payment, also known as local stimulus, and that they are now working on the last batch of

pending error-free income tax returns.

Speaking at a radio press briefing, Atalig said their first batch of local stimulus amounted to about \$18 million and that they already probably spent an additional \$2 million to \$3 million.

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## CPA to reinstate parking charges

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The Commonwealth Port Authority will be reinstating its parking booth at the the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport this September, which means park-

ing will, again, be charged for those who use the airport's common parking area starting Sept. 15.

According to a public notice that CPA issued yesterday, the CPA wants to inform the public that it will be re-

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### COMMUNITY VULNERABILITY

#### LEGEND:

- Red: Least safe
- Orange
- Yellow
- Blue
- Green: Safest

Source: Office of the Governor



### BOARDING DRILL

Palauans with the Bureau of Maritime Security and U.S. Coast Guardsmen with the Maritime Safety and Security Team Honolulu, Fourteenth District, Forces Micronesia/Sector Guam, approach the PSS Kedam patrol boat during a boarding drill in support of Task Force Koa Moana 22 in Koror, Republic of Palau late last month. U.S. service members are committed to fostering relationships with Palauan law enforcement agencies and supporting an international rules-based order that promotes a mutual vision of a free and open Indo-Pacific.

U.S. MARINE CORPS/LANCE CPL. GADIEL ZARAGOZA

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Sixty local businesses participated in the 2022 Friends of Business Summit last Wednesday.

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Salman Rushdie is "on the road to recovery," two days after the author was stabbed in New York.

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# Local

## ‘Senate leadership supports commitment to pay 25% pension benefits’

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Senate President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) assured CNMI retirees yesterday that the Senate leadership supports the Torres administration’s continued commitment to pay retirees’ their additional 25% pension benefits.

Speaking at a radio press briefing, Hofschneider said the process is for the Legislature

to come together and allow the continuation of payment of 25% pension benefits as long as they agree on a balanced budget for fiscal year 2023.

Fiscal year 2023 will start on Oct. 1, 2022.

The CNMI government is mandated to pay only up 75% pension benefits to retirees under

the U.S. District Court for the NMI-approved settlement agreement. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres announced over the weekend that his administration will pay for the remaining 25% pension benefits, thus giving CNMI retirees 100% of their pensions. Toward this end, Torres said that \$3.27 million—or

\$545,000 bi-weekly—will be remitted to the CNMI Settlement Fund to cover the first quarter of fiscal year 2023 for the period Oct. 1, 2022 to Dec. 31, 2022.

Hofschneider said yesterday that there was a discussion during the Senate session last week about payment for the 25% pension benefits when they voted for a House of Representatives’ concurrent resolution that approves the

budget appropriation for fiscal year 2023.

Hofschneider said that beneath the concurrent resolution is also an obligation that they must fulfill for the retirees’ pension benefits.

He said there was an exchange of arguments during the Senate session between what they need to include in the concurrent resolution.

Referring to Sen. Paul A. Manglona’s (Ind-Rota) offer of a floor amendment to include \$13 million in the concurrent resolution to pay the 25% pension for retirees, Hofschneider said it was a noble idea, but not necessarily represents the process by which the Senate should be taking. He said the process takes place during the budget deliberation between the House and the Senate.

Hofschneider said it has always been the objective of the members of the Legislature, especially the Senate leadership, to work toward fully funding the pensioners 75% benefits plus the 25% that the administration has committed to allocate.

He said in the Budgeting and Planning Act right now, the law authorizes Torres at least up to 25% reprogramming authority to fund needed programs and to ensure that the services of the public is not impeded.

“So underneath that we can also make it clear in the budget provisions to recognize that authority of the governor so that we can also...the Legislature can recognize that there is a need to fulfill the 25%,” the Senate president said.

He said in addition to what is already in the Budgeting and Planning Act, they are going to memorialize that in the budget for fiscal year 2023 so that the retirees can say that the Legislature is indeed committed not only for the first quarter of the fiscal

year, but for the remainder of fiscal year 2023.

Hofschneider said approximately \$102 million is allocated for the entire fiscal year for the general fund, based on the concurrent resolution’s statement on what’s available for appropriation right now based on what is projected. He said the \$13 million that is needed to fulfill the 25% pension represents approximately 12% of the entire fiscal year 2023 proposed budget.

“So what jumps out now is that there may be that flexibility and authority in the law for the governor to ensure that past December 2022, there is that mechanism to completely fund [the pensions] for the next three quarters,” he said.

Hofschneider said it is important to commend the Torres administration’s continued commitment to the 25% pension, despite the discontinuation of the \$15 million annual casino license fee, which was the original source of that funding, and that the administration has managed to continue that payment.

He said CNMI’s tourism industry is still trying to get back to its feet but, as an elected official from Tinian, he says the leadership of Tinian, along with the support of the administration, is forging way ahead in trying to contribute to the CNMI’s economic recovery.

He said there’s a lot of buzz on Tinian about its booming construction industry, overbooking of lodging, as well as lack of hotel rooms and car rentals.

“There’s a buzz that we’re excited about and we are very proud to say that we’re starting. I believe Tinian is in a position right now to kick start the economic recovery,” the Senate president said.

## Korea House Restaurant is latest ProaPerks partner

Korea House Restaurant is the latest company to sign on as a Northern Marianas College ProaPerks Partner, joining many other businesses and organizations. All card-carrying members of the NMC ProaPerks program can now receive a 5% discount in addition to the 20% local discount (excludes items on the premium menu).

The restaurant is located in Susupe, in the same building as Winchell’s Donuts. Korea House Restaurant can be

reached by calling (670) 235-7781 or through Facebook and Instagram (@KoreaHouseRestaurant).

Companies and other interested organizations who would like to become part of the ProaPerks program and take advantage of the buying power of thousands of individuals that include NMC alumni, students, and employees, can find more information by emailing [proaperks@marianas.edu](mailto:proaperks@marianas.edu). (NMC)

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## ON \$5M LOCAL MATCHING TO MEDICAID

## Torres says Sablan needs to do her homework

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said Friday that Rep. Christina E. Sablan (D-Saipan) needs to do her homework first before she starts talking and accusing him of lacking any sense of urgency in coming up with \$5 million in local matching funds for the Commonwealth Medicaid Agency.

"There is no urgency. I don't see any issue. We are not short on Medicaid," said Torres in response to a question during a radio press briefing.

At the same press briefing, Finance Secretary David DLG Atalig urged lawmakers not to politicize the Medicaid program or the Commonwealth Healthcare program,

### » Atalig urges lawmakers not to politicize Medicaid, CHCC programs

noting that the administration throughout this COVID-19 pandemic gave millions of dollars for equipment and services for the hospital and Medicaid programs. Torres said they are actually giving the Commonwealth Medicaid Agency more than what was originally appropriated for it.

Last Aug. 2, saying the ripple effects of losing \$28 million in federal Medicaid money will be devastating, Sablan and Rep. Donald M. Manglona (Ind-Rota) urged Torres in a joint letter to exercise his 25% reprogramming authority to immediately transfer the required \$5 million local matching funds to CMO.

Sablan and Manglona chair the House of Representatives Health and Welfare Committee and Ways and Means Committee, respectively.

Sablan and Manglona said Torres may also direct the Finance secretary to provide the House with an updated status of all accounts to assist them in identifying the funding sources for an amendment to the budget act for fiscal year 2022.

In an indirect broadside, Torres said in a later interview that some elected officials go on social media and other platforms to not just misinform the community but "stir uncertainty in our own people" about an alleged lack of \$5 million in local matching funds. Torres said Medicaid

was never in jeopardy and it has always been taken care of.

Sablan is running against Torres for governor this November election.

Last Wednesday, Sablan wrote to the media, stating, among other things, that there

Asked to comment Friday, Torres said Sablan and Manglona are making issues when there is none.

"And I think that's very ignorant of any legislature, especially for her or anybody else, to be making comments," the governor said.

He said he does not understand why Sablan has to write a letter to the media, instead of writing a letter to

him and asking him directly where the money for Medicaid is.

"As a legislator, she should know first before she starts disseminating false information or inaccurate information," Torres said.

Atalig said the administration prioritizes health care and they gave Medicaid \$39 million in ARPA funds to help with their operations and past debts just before the U.S. Treasury disallowed states to use ARPA funds for matching costs. When that came to his attention, Atalig said he had meetings with former CMO director Helen Sablan prior to Vicenta Borja

taking the acting director position. He said met with Borja about six weeks ago about the \$5 million that she said needs to be matched.

"Actually it's a little bit more. It's a little over \$7 million. But what's needed for this fiscal year was \$5 million," Atalig said.

The Finance secretary said they discussed about having that from other sources of funds outside of ARPA.

He said with the ARPA, of the \$39 million, Medicaid has already spent \$38 million of it.

"So we're taking care of the providers that Medicaid works with and helping our community get the health-care and the services they need," Atalig said.

In addition, the Finance secretary said they make sure that the CMO payroll is taken care of and matching for their payroll is identified.

He said he is not how sure how this is being sensationalized and no one has come to his office asking him about Medicaid.

He said he knows that Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation chair Sen. Vinnie F. Sablan has asked him about it so he told him they are taking care of it.

Atalig said the \$5 million local match was identified and he was off-island at the time of the House Health and Welfare Committee meeting, to which he wasn't even invited to share how they are going to take care of this issue.

"But I already identified the funds for the matching outside of ARPA. And so that was not relayed in the committee meeting," he said.

At that Health and Welfare Committee meeting, CMO officials were asked what will happen if they don't have the matching funds for the program. "And, of course, as the governor re-

iterated earlier this week, in any grant, any federal grant, if you don't have the match you can't use the federal side of it," Atalig said.

He said it doesn't make sense for the administration to not use \$28 million for additional healthcare providers to get paid to service the community that qualify for Medicaid.

He pointed out that there is no urgency as the issue is that Medicaid needs to submit their billings and Finance pays out their billings.

"And so we haven't delayed...this fiscal year at all. And so I hope that clarifies the Medicaid issue," he said.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Seventeenth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. via google hangouts at [meet.google.com/zvc-iixb-ntr](https://meet.google.com/zvc-iixb-ntr).

### AGENDA<sup>1</sup>

#### I. Preliminary

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes
  - a. April 7, 2022, Special Board Meeting Minutes

#### II. Public Comments<sup>2</sup>

#### III. Reports

1. Chair's Report
2. Committee Reports
  - a. CIP
  - b. FPA
  - c. ISA
  - d. LIA
  - e. SICPP
  - f. SARC
3. Commissioner of Education
  - a. Financial Status Reports
    - i. Federal
    - ii. Local
  - b. Head Start Program
  - c. Others

#### IV. Unfinished Business

#### V. New Business

1. School Year 2022-2023
  - a. Opening Plans
  - b. SY 2022-2023 PSS Menu
  - c. SY 2022-2023 Statewide Professional Development
2. Final Regulation §60-40-210 Small Purchases section g
3. Nepotism Policy
4. Dual/Private Employment Disclosure
5. Head Start/Early Head Start Program
  - a. Head Start/Early Head Start Carry Over Request
  - b. 2022 Cost Allocation Plan
  - c. 22-23 HS/EHS Training and Technical Assistance Plan
  - d. 21-22 Self-Assessment Report
  - e. 21-22 Community Assessment Report
  - f. FY 2022 Cost of Living Assistance (COLA) Grant Narrative and Budget
  - g. FY 2022 Quality Improvement Grant Narrative and Budget
  - h. 09ND000029 Budget Revision Request
  - i. 09ND000031 Budget Revision Request
  - j. Supplemental One-Time Grant Application
6. Resolution No. 2022-17-001: Additional Bank Signatories
7. BOE Contact Procedures Clarification
8. Certification & Licensure Matter
  - a. CLO Report No. 2022-17-06

#### VI. Executive Session<sup>3</sup>

1. Legal Updates
2. Personnel
3. Other matters

#### VII. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting

#### VIII. Adjournment

<sup>1</sup> In the event that the items on the agenda are not completed, the meeting will recess and reconvene on the following day or at the most expeditious date and time determined by the Board.

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments.

<sup>3</sup> Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### ATKINS KROLL FILED MAJOR SITING PERMIT ON AUGUST 9, 2022

#### Major Siting Application No. SMS-2022-056

An application has been filed with the Bureau of Environmental Coastal Quality (BECQ) Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) for a Major Siting Permit.

This notice is issued pursuant to 15-10-206 of Title 15: Coastal Resource Management Regulations, 2018.

**ATKINS KROLL TOYOTA LEXUS  
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Name of Project

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Lot, Block, Tract, Municipality

The development includes the construction of a fully code compliant building envelope integrating multi-functional spaces for the following uses: Automotive and Parts Sales, Rental, and Administration, Vehicle Service, Maintenance and Repair.

The project includes the demolition of old abandoned buildings, clearing and grading, construction of entrance driveways, parking, walkways with ADA accessibility, designated parking for vehicle inventory and roadside display, an integrated drainage system with underground infiltration chambers, infrastructure for power, water and sewer, perimeter buffers, site lighting and landscaping. Rainwater will be harvested to augment city water, an enclosed back-up generator, solar panels and lighting will be integrated into the design.



DCRM Permitting Section at 664-8300 | Ms. Amy Sanchez at [asanchez@dcrm.gov.mp](mailto:asanchez@dcrm.gov.mp)



# CEC to hold hearing on Rep. John Paul's, 5 others' candidacies

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The Commonwealth Election Commission board will hold a hearing on the validity of the candidacies of six prospective candidates, including that of long-time Rep. John Paul Sablan (R-Saipan), in the Nov. 8 general election.

After an executive session yesterday afternoon, upon the advice

of their counsel, deputy attorney general Lilian Tenorio, CEC board chair Jesus I. Sablan announced that they have decided to table the matter involving the nominating petition for the candidacies of Alfredo T. Taimanao, Raymond B. Quitugua, Rep. John Paul Sablan, Marissa Flores, and two others.

Taimanao, Quitugua, Rep. John Paul Sablan, and Flores appeared at

the CEC board meeting.

Jesus I. Sablan said the scheduled date for the hearing will be on Aug. 22 starting at 9am.

He said the six affected prospective candidates will be receiving a formal letter from CEC informing them of their decision and what to expect during the hearing. "We have not considered yet whether you are qualified or not. I want to expedite this," said

the chairman, adding that the commissioners will deliberate and make a decision after the hearing.

It was Keith William C. Ada, who is running for a House Precinct 2 seat under the Republican Party, who requested CEC to investigate the validity of the candidacy of Precinct 2 candidate Rep. John Paul Sablan and Precinct 3 candidate Flores, who is Ada's former wife.

Rep. John Paul Sablan, a Republican, is seeking his sixth term as a House member, under a unified independent team. Flores is running for a House Precinct 3 seat, also under the unified team.

In his complaint to CEC yesterday,

Ada said it is well known in Precinct 2 that Rep. John Paul Sablan does not reside in Precinct 2 but in Kagman with his family. Ada said Rep. John Paul Sablan only claims residency in Chalan Kanoa but has not lived there for several years.

"It is my understanding that, in order for a person to run for a House of Representatives seat, the person must physically reside in that precinct and not seek election, or in his case-re-election, on a technicality," said Ada in his email.

A longer version of this story is available at [www.saipantribune.com](http://www.saipantribune.com)



Commonwealth Election Commission board chair Jesus I. Sablan presides over a board meeting at the CEC conference room in Susupe yesterday afternoon. Also in the photo, from left, are CEC commissioner John Attao, CEC executive director Kayla Igitol, and vice chair Esther Yatar, commissioner Leilani Manglona, and commissioner Jesus S. Cepeda.

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## Parties in Mafnas' suit agree on issuance of preliminary injunction

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With the temporary restraining order taken out by Division of Customs director Jose Mafnas against the Department of Finance, its secretary David Atalig, and William Castro set to expire today, the parties have agreed to have the court grant a preliminary injunction that would prohibit Mafnas' reassignment to the Department of Commerce until a judgment is issued in this case.

During a hearing on Mafnas' motion for a preliminary injunction yesterday at the U.S. District Court for the NMI, Mafnas, through his lawyer, Charity Hodson, and Atalig, through his lawyers, Matthew Gregory and Leslie Healer, all agreed to the issuance of a preliminary injunction while the case is pending resolution.

According to Chief Judge Ramona Manglona, once the stipulation is signed and filed by all parties involved, the preliminary injunction



Division of Customs director Jose Mafnas and his lawyer, Charity Hodson, leave the U.S. District Court for the NMI yesterday.

KIMBERLY B. ESMORES

will be granted and supersede the temporary restraining order that had been previously granted.

The parties officially filed the stipulation at around 6pm yesterday afternoon.

In a statement from Hodson after the hearing, she said it's a good day for all the parties involved.

"The parties entered into a stipulation for the issuance of a preliminary injunction, so this was pursuant to the parties' agreement so it's a good day and we're happy," she said.

A longer version of this story is available at [www.saipantribune.com](http://www.saipantribune.com)

## DEAD

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At the scene, medics and DPS officers found one of the car's occupants with no pulse and not breathing, while the other two occupants were given emergency treatment before being transported to the Commonwealth Health Center and later taken into the hospital's intensive care unit.

Meanwhile, responsive occupants of the vehicle informed police that the driver of the vehicle had ran off on foot. He later turned himself in. *Saipan Tribune* later learned that the driver is 18-year-old Andrei Camacho.

The officer chose to withhold the identity of the occupants of the vehicle as they are minors.

According to an official press release from the DPS spokesperson Adrian Pangelinan, DPS units were called to respond to an auto run off in Marpi along Chalan Kalabera at around 12:08am on Sunday.

At the scene, officers met with two male teenagers who stated that they were in pain. While they were being treated, the two individuals asked the officer to check on the third passenger who was still inside the vehicle further up the road. That's when the officer noticed a silver Toyota Tacoma pickup truck, with extensive damage in a ditch near the roadway.

The officer noticed that the passenger inside the vehicle was unresponsive.

Later, all three passengers were transported to CHCC where a physi-

cian pronounced one of the victims dead on arrival at about 1:36am due to blunt force trauma.

The officer later learned from the two teen passengers that the driver had "disappeared" on foot and was nowhere to be found following the crash.

On the same day, the driver of the vehicle, Camacho, turned himself in to DPS at around 4pm.

DPS officers learned that the cause of the crash was speeding and driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

Camacho is currently facing charges of failure to maintain the right side of the highway, reckless driving, driving under the combination of drugs and alcohol, seatbelt violation, hit and run, homicide by vehicle, and refusal to submit to a blood draw.

## COVID

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identified before Aug. 7, 2022. Of the cases recently identified, five were identified on Aug. 7; 19 on Aug. 8 (one on Tinian); eight on Aug. 9 (one on Tinian); eight on Aug. 10; 18 on Aug. 11; 10 on Aug. 12; and 12 on

Aug. 13, 2022.

The CNMI is in COVID-19 Community Level Medium.

Of the total cases identified, as of Aug. 13, 2022, there have been 12,853 recoveries; 56 active cases; and 39 COVID-19-related deaths

The next report will be around Aug. 22, 2022. (*Saipan Tribune*)

## STIMULUS

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The administration set aside a total of \$25 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding for the second local stimulus that would give \$500 to each eligible filer and dependent in the CNMI.

As to why there are some who have not received their stimulus cards yet, Atalig said the second round of stimulus requires a tax filer to have an error-free tax return.

The first batch of 23,000 taxpayers and their dependents have already received their stimulus.

Atalig said they order stimulus cards every two weeks and since the initial batch, they already issued about 4,000 more cards.

"Last week, we should be going through pretty much the last batch of pending error-free tax return. I don't have the details, there's not a lot more waiting unless they have issues with their tax returns," he said.

Atalig noted that a lot of taxpayers have the errors where they did not report their Pandemic Unemployment Assistance income, or they did not report other additional income received.

"So it puts an error into their file," he said, adding that a lot of people have changed dependents in their tax returns and Tax and Revenue needs to verify if the information about their dependents are accurate.

"So there's a lot of different issues. Those are just some examples that delay the stimulus cards going out," Atalig said.

The Finance secretary, however, pointed out that the local stimulus program goes all the way to Dec. 31, 2022. He said a tax filer must clear his or her 2021 tax return and be error-free by Dec. 31, 2022, in order to qualify for this program.

"And if you do have a stimulus card, you must spend these funds before Jan. 30, 2023," Atalig said. He said they need to make sure that these funds that are given out are used and that the whole purpose of the stimulus cards is to stimulate the CNMI's economy and to help the local business community—not to give out and have someone save it.

"We want you to use it," he said.

Atalig said they are not holding back the stimulus cards as they are ordering every other week for those that clear and it takes about two weeks to get them.

## CPA

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instating the charges for the parking booth at the Saipan airport and will resume daily operations starting Sept. 15, 2022.

As to how the booth work, the system dispenses a plastic card upon entry and the card is returned when exiting. The system then reads the elapsed time between entry and exit and indicates the appropriate charge.

A fee of \$2 will be charged for the first hour or fraction of that and an additional \$2 for each additional hour or fraction of an hour.

The maximum charge for each 24-hour period is \$15 and for each addi-

tional hour or fraction of an hour, an additional \$2 will be charged.

A customer who loses a parking card will be charged \$15 for the lost card and will also be charged the appropriate parking fee for the time parked. The customer with the lost parking card may be required to park on the side to allow other customers to exit first and then give time for the parking booth attendant to check the system to resolve the matter.

A customer with a valid accessible parking placard will not be charged any parking fee as long as the person who was issued the placard is present in the vehicle.


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 can be found at [https://www.kake.ac.jp/kokusai/engl/KakeEduInst\\_top.html](https://www.kake.ac.jp/kokusai/engl/KakeEduInst_top.html). **(NMC)**



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## Job Vacancy Announcement

**JVA No. 22-058**

**Opening Date: August 4, 2022 (RE-ANNOUNCEMENT)**  
**Closing Date: UNTIL FILLED**

<p><b>POSITION TITLE:</b></p> <p><b>DEPARTMENT:</b></p> <p><b>LOCATION:</b></p> <p><b>ANNUAL SALARY:</b></p> <p><b>CONTRACT:</b></p> <p><b>POSITION(S):</b></p>	<p><b>Trades Technician-Electrician</b></p> <p><b>Power Generation</b></p> <p><b>Rota, Northern Marianas Islands, USA</b></p> <p><b>\$21,902.40 to \$28,115.00 per annum, Non- Exempt</b></p> <p><b>Not Contracted</b></p> <p><b>One (1)</b></p>
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The incumbent will be under the overall supervision of the Power Generation Manager or his/her designee. This class specification represents only the core areas of responsibilities; specific position assignments will vary depending on the needs of Power General. Primary duties as a TRADES TECHNICIAN: ELECTRICIAN for a diesel engine power plant.

**Duties:**

- Performs maintenance, operations, installations, troubleshooting and/or repairs of Generator, switchgears and engine control panels of various brands/make/model, Motor Control Center, Transformer, Protection relays and overhead crane
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- Knowledge in AC / DC system, Single and three phase system, Lighting and outlets, Paging System, Fire Alarm, & Battery Bank.
- Familiarize with the usage of various electrical test equipment; Multimeter tester, Insulation resistance tester, Transformer tester, Ground resistance tester, & Hydrometer.
- Familiarize with the usage of various electrical tools Crimper, Pipe bender, Hydraulic knock out puncher, Pipe threader, Micrometer, & Vernier caliper.
- Familiarize with the usage of various power and pneumatic tools Portable drill, Grinder, & Impact wrench.
- Operates specialized and heavy equipment. Emergency generator, Forklift, & Overhead crane.
- Attend to Trouble calls after normal working hours.
- Maintains of daily reports. Practices SAFETY. Cleans, organizes and maintains work areas.
- Performs other duties of a similar nature and level as assigned.

**Minimum Requirements:**

**Education:** High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education. Graduate from a Vocational/Technical Institution as an Electrician or related field. Must demonstrate having had: 4 years of increasingly responsible experience in a diesel engine power plant. 4 years of increasingly responsible experience in performing electrical duties. Knowledge of: Applicable Federal, Commonwealth and local laws, codes, regulations and/or ordinances; Mechanical and electrical principles, practices and operations of power plant equipment. Customer service principles; Mathematical concepts; Inventory maintenance practices; Taking equipment readings and maintaining reading data; Inspection procedures; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Modern office technology.

**Skills in:** Performing inspections and analyzing system and equipment data; Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standard operating procedures; Monitoring plant equipment and making adjustments; Identifying electrical and mechanical issues and recommending or implementing solutions; Initiating requests and trouble calls and providing assistance; Preparing and updating activity logs and status reports; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. Able to lift and carry heavy objects of 45 pounds and over, climb ladders, reach above the shoulders, stand, sit, crawl and kneel for prolonged periods and perform repeated bending. Recognize color codes, operate cranes and motor vehicles. Occasionally use solvents, de-greasing agents, or other chemical agents, and be assigned to protracted or irregular hours of work; exposed to dust, oil, grease, constant or excessive noise, vibration, and smoke and gas fumes. Work closely with others and/or alone depending on assigned daily activities.

Must be available to work a 24/7 rotation shift to include weekends, holidays and on-call.


Applicants may be tested. Subject to pre-employment drug test.

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# COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



### INVITATION FOR BIDS

### CUC-IFB-22-032

## SAN ANTONIO WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of San Antonio Waterline Replacement in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project consists, in general installation of a new main waterline and lateral service line; connection to the existing waterline; relocation of water meters from private property to right-of-way, installation of gate valve assembly, air release valves, fire hydrant assembly, flush hydrants; existing lateral service tap relocation; restoration of existing asphalt concrete road; and other related work. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system.

*This project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.*

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **365 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **August 25, 2022 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

**One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **“CUC-IFB-22-032, San Antonio Water Line Replacement Project”**, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 15, 2022**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The bid guarantee may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidder. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 26, 2022** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email at [manny.sablan@cucgov.org](mailto:manny.sablan@cucgov.org) with a copy to Ms. Alley Reyes, Project Engineer – via email at [alley.reyes@cucgov.org](mailto:alley.reyes@cucgov.org) and Ms. Marcela Tenorio, Procurement & Supply, Purchasing Technician Senior – via email at [marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org](mailto:marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org).

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.


**GARY CAMACHO**  
Executive Director

**MANNY B. SABLAN**  
Purchasing Administrator



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## Job Vacancy Announcement

**JVA No. 22-056 (RE-ANNOUNCEMENT)**

**Opening Date: August 4, 2022**  
**Closing Date: August 17, 2022**

**POSITION TITLE:**

**DEPARTMENT:**

**LOCATION:**

**ANNUAL SALARY:**

**CONTRACT:**

**POSITION(S):**

Trades Technician, Senior

Water Division

Rota, Northern Marianas Islands, USA

\$24,096.00 to \$32,529.00 per annum, Non- Exempt

Not Contracted

One (1)

The incumbent will be under the direct supervision of the Drinking Water & Wastewater Division Manager or his/her designee. This class specification represents only the core areas of responsibilities; specific position assignments will vary depending on the needs of the department. The Trades Technician Senior may serve as a crew leader to assist in assigning and monitoring work and providing technical direction.

**Duties:**

- Prepares training information and materials for an assigned technical training program for trades staff.
- Performs skilled/certified level operations, in-field installations and/or repairs in assigned service areas.
- Inspects equipment and determines if any repairs are needed.
- Performs preventative maintenance in assigned service areas.
- Assists with maintaining sufficient level of supplies and equipment.
- Generally, is responsible for: Maintaining operating reservoirs and distribution valves; monitorin\reservoir level and water pressure levels;
- Maintaining water wells, booster stations and reservoir stations;
- Responding to customer complaints;
- May serve in lead role installing, maintaining and repairing water lines;
- Monitoring chlorine gas in the water system;
- Maintaining and repairing motors, pumps and other related equipment;
- Gathering water samples;
- Installing and/or replacing water meters;
- Performing disconnects and reconnects;
- Bleeding fire hydrants;
- Preparing daily progress reports.
- Assures all materials and field activities are in accordance with all applicable standards, codes, specifications and regulations.
- Performs other duties of a similar nature or level, as required.

**Minimum Requirements:**

**Education:** High School Diploma or General Education Diploma or Adult Basic Education (ABE) Program Adult School Diploma (AS), Level 2 certification for water distribution, and 3 years of skilled experience related to area of assignment.

**Knowledge of:** Customer service principles; Basic mathematical concepts; Safety procedures and safe work practices; Modern office technology.

**Skills in:** Interpreting and applying applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards; Performing skilled maintenance, operations and repair work in assigned area; Reviewing quality levels and providing technical guidance in assigned area; Operating specialized and heavy equipment; Monitoring equipment and making adjustments; Performing inspections and identifying issues; Troubleshooting issues and recommending or implementing solutions; Receiving requests and trouble calls and providing assistance; Monitoring inventory and supplies; Initiating supply requests; Taking equipment readings and maintaining reading data; Preparing and updating activity logs and status reports; Utilizing a computer and relevant software applications; Utilizing communication and interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, and others to sufficiently exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.

**Licensing/Certification:**

- Valid U.S. Driver's License with appropriate class;
- Trades Licenses and/or Certifications, based on assignment;
- Water/Wastewater Treatment and Distribution Certifications, based on assignment.

All applicants may be tested and all applicants are subject to pre-employment drug test.

**How to Apply:** Submit a completed CUC Employment Application, resume, and applicable supporting documents to the CUC Human Resources office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan, Monday through Friday 7:30 am – 4:30 pm (Except Legal Holidays). Applicants on the island of Tinian and Rota may submit their documents to their respective CUC Administration office. Application, resume and supporting documents can also be e-mailed to: employment.applications@cucgov.org

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## COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA)

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www.cnmiports.com

### AIRLINE STAIRS & AMBULIFT MAINTENANCE SERVICE AND REPAIRS FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-009-22

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority ("the CPA") is accepting sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposal ("the RFP") and other contract provisions, for awarding a contract to provide maintenance, service, and repairs to its airline stairs and ambulift truck at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. The Executive Director hereby determines that the use of an Invitation for Bid is neither practical nor advantageous to the CPA because the CPA wishes to acquire services and/or products that cannot be evaluate by price alone (NMIAC § 40-50-225 (a)).

The Proposal Package is available for pick-up beginning July 18, 2022, at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. Bidders must submit all required documents listed in the RFP Package. All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and/or all costs that will be charged the proposer awarded for this project. Proposers shall also take into consideration all necessary badging requirements and fees for this project.

Questions regarding this procurement should be submitted in writing to Christopher S. Tenorio, Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority either by facsimile, or email [cpa.receptionist@pticom.com](mailto:cpa.receptionist@pticom.com) with copy to [atudela@cnmiports.com](mailto:atudela@cnmiports.com) on or before August 8, 2022.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Airline Stairs & Ambulift maintenance service and repairs, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport /RFP-009-22". One (1) original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than **4:00 p.m. Local Time, August 16, 2022**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. Proposals submitted by facsimile (fax) transmission will not be considered. Any proposals received after the submittal deadline shall be rejected and returned unopened.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for; (a) any of the reasons set forth in this RFP; (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid/proposal rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the proposal would not be in the best interest of CPA. The CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would not be in CPA's best interest.

All proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. This RFP shall be executed as per the CPA Procurement Regulations.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO  
Executive Director

July 15, 2022

DATE



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### PASSENGER BOARDING BRIDGES PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE SERVICE AND REPAIRS FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-008-22

#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority ("the CPA") is accepting sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposal ("the RFP") and other contract provisions, for awarding a contract to provide maintenance, service, and repairs to its three (3) Passenger Boarding Bridges (PBB) at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. The Executive Director hereby determines that the use of an Invitation for Bid is neither practical nor advantageous to the CPA because the CPA wishes to acquire services and/or products that cannot be evaluate by price alone (NMIAC § 40-50-225 (a)).

The Proposal Package is available for pick-up beginning July 18, 2022, at the CPA Accounting Office, 2nd Floor, Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport, upon a non-refundable payment of \$100.00 in cash, cashier's check, or by credit card. Bidders must submit all required documents listed in the RFP Package. All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and/or all costs that will be charged the proposer awarded for this project. Proposers shall also take into consideration all necessary badging requirements and fees for this project.

A pre-proposal conference will be held at 10:00 a.m., August 5th, 2022 at the CPA Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Departure Terminal Building. The purpose of this conference is to allow potential proposers an opportunity to present questions and obtain clarification relative to any facet of this solicitation. While attendance at this conference will not be a prerequisite to submitting a proposal, proposers who intend to submit a proposal are encouraged to attend. Any site visit may be coordinated with Jack Kileman of the CPA by calling telephone numbers (670)237-6535. Questions regarding this procurement should be submitted in writing through the CPA Procurement Officer via email at [atudela@cnmiports.com](mailto:atudela@cnmiports.com) on or before close of business, August 8, 2022.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for Preventive Maintenance Service and Repairs of the three (3) Passenger Boarding Bridges, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport /RFP-008-22". One (1) original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than **4:00 p.m. Local Time, August 16, 2022**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. Proposals submitted by facsimile (fax) transmission will not be considered. Any proposals received after the submittal deadline shall be rejected and returned unopened.

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FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

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Executive Director

July 15, 2022

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## Free portable stoves, butane on Tinian

The Division of Energy of the Department of Public Works will be giving away portable gas stove and butane gas canister to residential households on Tinian on Saturday, Aug. 20, at the Tinian Youth Center, from 9am to 4pm.

The distribution event, called the "2022 Tinian Energy Educational Awareness and Community Outreach Program Campaign Drive-Thru Distribution Event," will be done with the Office of Grants Management and is intended to promote energy conservation to encourage implementation of energy measures to help reduce energy

use and save money.

To avail of the portable gas stove with butane gas canister, residential homeowners on Tinian must present a copy of a valid government-issued identification card and a copy of a most recent Commonwealth Utilities Corp. utility billing with the same name on the ID and CUC account.

Residents that are tenants of apartments, rental properties, etc., and not named as the CUC account holder, must provide a copy of a lease or rental agreement. If the residential homeowner with the CUC account holder's name is unable to make

it, please provide a letter of authorization along with a copy of the ID matching the CUC account name to avail of the said distribution item. Businesses, rental property owners, and/or landlords are not eligible to receive the portable gas stove with the butane gas.

With limited supply for this event, items will be available for distribution on a first-come, first-served basis throughout the specified time only, while supplies last.

Staff from the Weatherization Assistance Program will also be available on Tinian to assist anyone interested in applying for program services.

Due to the continuing threat of COVID-19, the public is required to observe and comply with all health and safety protocols. Masks are required at all times during the program event hours of operations. All vehicle operators and passengers must remain in their vehicles at all times and must follow all posted event signs and obey all event traffic flow signs.

For additional questions or information regarding this event, contact Maile Iakopo, reporting specialist, at 664-4480/4. **(PR)**

## Power service interruptions on Aug. 18, 20

There will be scheduled power service interruptions on Aug. 18 and 20, 2022, as the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. continues its ongoing system maintenance. S

### THURSDAY, AUG. 18, 2022

■ Time: 9am to 1pm

Area(s) affected: Fina Sisu (Kamyo Drive, Gunot Way and Ghoot Lane).

Purpose: To replace a rot ted wooden primary power pole along Kamyo Drive in Fina Sisu.

Circuit: Kiya 2

Water wells affected: None

Wastewater facility affected: None

### SATURDAY, AUG. 20, 2022

Time: 8:30am to 12:30pm

Area(s) affected: Chaim Tun Herman Pan in Airport Road Dandan. See map.

Purpose: To perform line clearing along Chalan Tim

Herman Pan in Airport

Road Dandan.

Circuit: Kiya 1

■ Water wells affected: IF-

105 and DD-8 wells affected,

however, no customers

affected.

Wastewater facility affected:

A-13 and A 14 lift stations af

ected, however, no

customers affected.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Hotline (236-4333) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (<https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/>). **(PR)**



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### TO ALL MEDIA SERVICES PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

**MESSAGE:** The Honorable Ralph Dlg. Torres, Governor and the Honorable Arnold I. Palacios, Lt. Governor, through the Board of Parole Office, and pursuant to the Public Law 8-41, Section II of the "Open Government Act of 1992", hereby give Official Notice that a **Clemency Hearing** is scheduled for **August 19, 2022 (Friday)**, beginning at 9:30 a.m., at the Kotten Tinian, MP 96952. The Agenda is as follows:

#### I. Preliminary Matters

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call
3. Presence of Quorum

#### II. Consent Items

1. Adoption of Agenda

#### III. Clemency Hearing

- A. Alfonso Aquino Reyes

#### Criminal Case No.:

94-87

#### New Business

- IV. 1. To discuss Shawn Appleby's re-application for Parole

#### V. Adjournment

If deemed necessary, members of the Board of Parole may elect to vote to meet in Executive Session to discuss any of the items listed above.

If you have any question or need additional information, please contact the Board of Parole Office at telephone numbers 664-3300.

/s/ Michael H. San Nicolas  
BOP Chairman

08/01/2022  
Date

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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

THE ESTATE OF ) Civil Action No. 22-0131  
BERNADITA )  
ILAL DAWA, ) [Proposed] ORDER  
Deceased. ) SETTING HEARING  
ON PETITION )  
FOR PARTIAL )  
DISTRIBUTION )  
Date: August 18, 2022  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Judge: Joseph N. Camacho

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Administrator Vidal Joseph Nekaifes Fital has filed a Petition for Decree of Final Distribution in this matter. The filing has been converted to Petition for Partial Distribution and will be heard on the date and time set forth above at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Dated this 12th day of August, 2022.

/s/  
Joseph N. Camacho, Associate Judge

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### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

THE ESTATE OF ) Civil Action No.  
SIMON ILAL, ) 22-0124  
Deceased. ) [Proposed] ORDER  
ON PETITION )  
FOR PARTIAL )  
DISTRIBUTION )  
Date: August 18, 2022  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Judge: Joseph N. Camacho

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Joseph N. Camacho, Associate Judge



# SSHS Interact Club adopts Dan Dan bus shelter

The Interact Club of Saipan Southern High School adopted a bus shelter in Dan Dan, just in time for the start of the new school year.

Club members spent the past three weekends of their summer break removing graffiti, picking up trash, and painting the bus shelter in front of Dan Dan Middle School. Students were joined by members of the Rotary Club and parents of the Interact members in repainting the bus shelter.

"We wanted to help beautify our community and create a safe space for students who use the bus shelter for catching the bus to school," said club president Jessie Reyes.

Geneline Camacho, an SSHS teacher and Interact Club adviser, also said, "Our club wanted to take on a project that helped our students [at the Public School System]. We wanted to adopt a bus shelter that was used by students from our school. We worked with the Public School System-Office of Pupil Transportation director, Sean San Nicolas, who helped us identify a bus shelter that fit our needs."

## Water service interruption in Fina Sisu on Thursday

There will be a scheduled water service interruption on Thursday, Aug. 18, 2022, from 8am to 4:30pm for Commonwealth Utilities Corp. customers in portions of Fina Sisu (Joeten Subdivision, Gafo Place, Tun Joaquin Doi Road, Ghoot Lane to Bayak Drive). Customers in the affected areas will experience low water pressure to no water during the outage period.

The scheduled water service interruption is to allow CUC's contractor for the Fina Sisu Waterline Replacement Project to tap and connect the new PVC waterline to the existing 4-inch PVC main waterline along Tun Joaquin Apa Road and to cap the existing PVC pipe that is to be abandoned. Customers should expect normal water service soon after.

This project is part of the Fina Sisu Waterline Replacement Project funded by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, to provide a more reliable water system. The transition work is in part of the decommissioning of the old waterline to eliminate risks of contamination and frequent line breaks.

For more information, contact the CUC Hotline (236-4333) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates. **(PR)**



Members of the Interact Club of Saipan Southern High School pose at their newly-repainted bus shelter in Dan Dan. Club members spent the past three weekends removing graffiti, picking up trash, and painting the bus shelter in front of Dan Dan Middle School. Students were joined by members of the Rotary Club and parents of the Interact members in repainting the bus shelter. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

ter that fit our needs."

Asked about plans on maintaining the bus shelter throughout the school year, Reyes said, "We plan to come at least once a month to collect any trash in the area and paint over any graffiti we find. Our hope is that other

students that attend Saipan Southern will take pride in the efforts of one of their school's clubs and help us keep the bus shelter free from vandalism."

Greg Borja, the Rotary Club of Saipan's director of New Generations (Youth Services), said, "It is wonderful

to see our students living up to the Rotary motto of 'Service Above Self.' Two of Rotary's Areas of Focus are: 1.) Promoting Basic Education and Literacy and 2.) Supporting the Environment, the work done at the bus shelter, and its planned maintenance

will provide a safe place for students to prepare themselves for a day of learning. The Interact of Saipan Southern High is an inspiration to our other youth clubs, as they each wish to adopt a bus shelter that serves their individual school."

The Interact Club of Saipan Southern High School is one of four Rotary youth clubs sponsored by the Rotary Club of Saipan, including Interact clubs at Marianas High School, Kagman High

School, and Saipan International School. Interact clubs were created to bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of "service above self." The Interact clubs on Saipan are part of 14,911 Interact clubs found worldwide across 145 countries.

For information on how to get involved in Interact, contact your school or send message to the Rotary Club of Saipan Facebook page. **(PR)**

**CNMI DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES**  
**CNMI GOVERNMENT**

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**INVITATION TO BID**  
**ITB NO.: ITB22-BECQ-DEQ-42200145**

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**SUBMISSION DATE: September 08, 2022 TIME: 09:00 A.M.**

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**“PURCHASE OF ONE (1) CLASS “F” PICKUP TRUCK, DOUBLE CAB, FOR BECQ/DEQ”**

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COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES, LOCATED AT THE HORIZON BLDG, GROUND FLOOR, 123 KOPPA DI ORU & BEACH ROAD, GARAPAN, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

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**NOTICE OF OPEN PUBLIC AUCTIONS - SURPLUS EQUIPMENT & MATERIALS**

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is inviting all individuals, firms, and recycling centers to three open public auctions of CPA's surplus equipment and materials. The list of surplus equipment and materials is available beginning August 5, 2022 for pick-up at the CPA Office of the Executive Director, which is located at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Arrival Building, 2nd floor, or via email upon request.

**Item Inspection:** All items will be available for inspection beginning August 15, 2022 to August 26, 2022, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, business days only. Items located on Saipan may be inspected by contacting Mr. Dennis Cruz at telephone number (670) 237-6596 or (670) 483-4516. Items located on Rota may be inspected by contacting Mr. Albert Toves at telephone number (670) 285-8109 or (670) 532-9497. Items located on Tinian may be inspected by contacting Mr. Gerald Crisostomo at telephone number (670) 433-9294.

**Auction Locations, Dates, and Times:** The auctions will take place at the following locations, dates and times:

Saipan: CPA Maintenance Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport on September 1, 2022, beginning at 10:00 AM.

Rota: CPA Maintenance Building, Benjamin Taisacan Manglona International Airport on September 6, 2022, beginning at 10:30 AM.

Tinian: CPA Administration Office, Tinian International Airport on September 9, 2022, beginning at 10:00 AM.

**Terms and Conditions:** All bidders submitting the highest itemized bid are required to pay 20% down payment on acceptance of bid. Balance shall be payable at CPA's Accounting Office located on the 2nd Floor of the Departure Building, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, within five (5) business days from the date of the Public Auction. Failure to pay will result in the forfeiture of the down payment. Payment must be made in cash, cashier's check, credit card, or money order made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All items are sold "AS IS" and "WHERE IS" and without warranty, guaranty, or representation of any kind, expressed or implied, as to the merchantability or fitness for any purpose of the property offered for sale. Items offered for sale are used and may contain defects not immediately detectable.

All sold properties must be removed from CPA property within five (5) calendar days from date of payment, at owner's expense. CPA will not be responsible for said property after said specified time. The Buyer will make all arrangements and perform all work necessary, including packing, loading, and transportation of the property. No assistance will be provided. Upon removal of the property, all sales are final.

Any claim for misdescription of the purchased item must be made prior to removal of the property. If CPA confirms that the property does not conform to the description, CPA will keep the property and refund any money paid. The liability of CPA shall not exceed the actual purchase price of the property.

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Pursuant to P.L. 8-41, Section 11, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Arnold I. Palacios, through the Health Care Professions Licensing Board (HCPLB) are hereby giving notice that it will hold its regular monthly board meeting on **Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at 8 a.m.** on Saipan. The meeting will be held at the Administration Building, Governor's Conference Room on Capitol Hill.

**AGENDA**

- I. Meeting Call to Order
- II. Determination of Quorum
- III. Review and Adoption of Agenda
- IV. Review and Adoption of Minutes (07/13/2022)
- V. Public Comments
- VI. Chairperson's Report
- VI. Director's Report
  - A. Nomination of Dr. Angela Sabino to the HCPLB
- VII. Director's Report
  - A. Munis Timekeeper Training
  - B. BPL-HCPLB New Vehicle
- VIII. Investigator's Report
- IX. Communications from the Governor's Office & Legislature
  - A. Governor's Office
  - B. Legislature
- X. Old Business
- XI. New Business
- XII. Pending Applications for Board's Review
  - A. New Application
  - B. Renewal Application
- XIII. Miscellaneous Business
- XIV. Executive Session: The Board may vote to meet in executive session to consult with Counsel on pending or anticipated legal matters.
- XV. Announcements
  - A. Next Meeting Date
  - B. Adjournment of Meeting



# Opinion

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### EDITORIAL

## A cowardly attack on Salman Rushdie and free speech



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In this photo from Oct. 13, 2019, British author Salman Rushdie smiles as he attends a photocall with his book "Quichotte" for the authors shortlisted for the 2019 Booker Prize for Fiction at Southbank Centre in London.

New York's Chautauqua Institution describes itself as "a community of artists, educators, thinkers, faith leaders and friends dedicated to exploring the best in humanity."

On Friday morning, the worst in humanity came calling on Chautauqua, New York, when an assailant rushed the stage and attacked the great author Salman Rushdie, stabbing him several times, it appeared, in the neck. It was immediately apparent that his injuries were grievous.

Rushdie, who refused to be cowed by a 1989 fatwa from the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who did not care for one of Rushdie's books, lived a profoundly self-examined life, out and about, eschewing security, engaging with his readers, giving speeches and supporting authors' rights and free speech all across the planet.

For the courageous Rushdie, 75, to be so brutally attacked in a peaceful place dedicated to the exchange of free thought, beggars belief. More worrying still, this is not the first time of late a speaker has been physically assaulted while delivering comments to an American audience, not the first time of late that someone who disagreed with something someone said decided that violence was an acceptable response.

These are cowardly acts against soft targets, reliant on surprise and with no place whatsoever in a mature democracy.

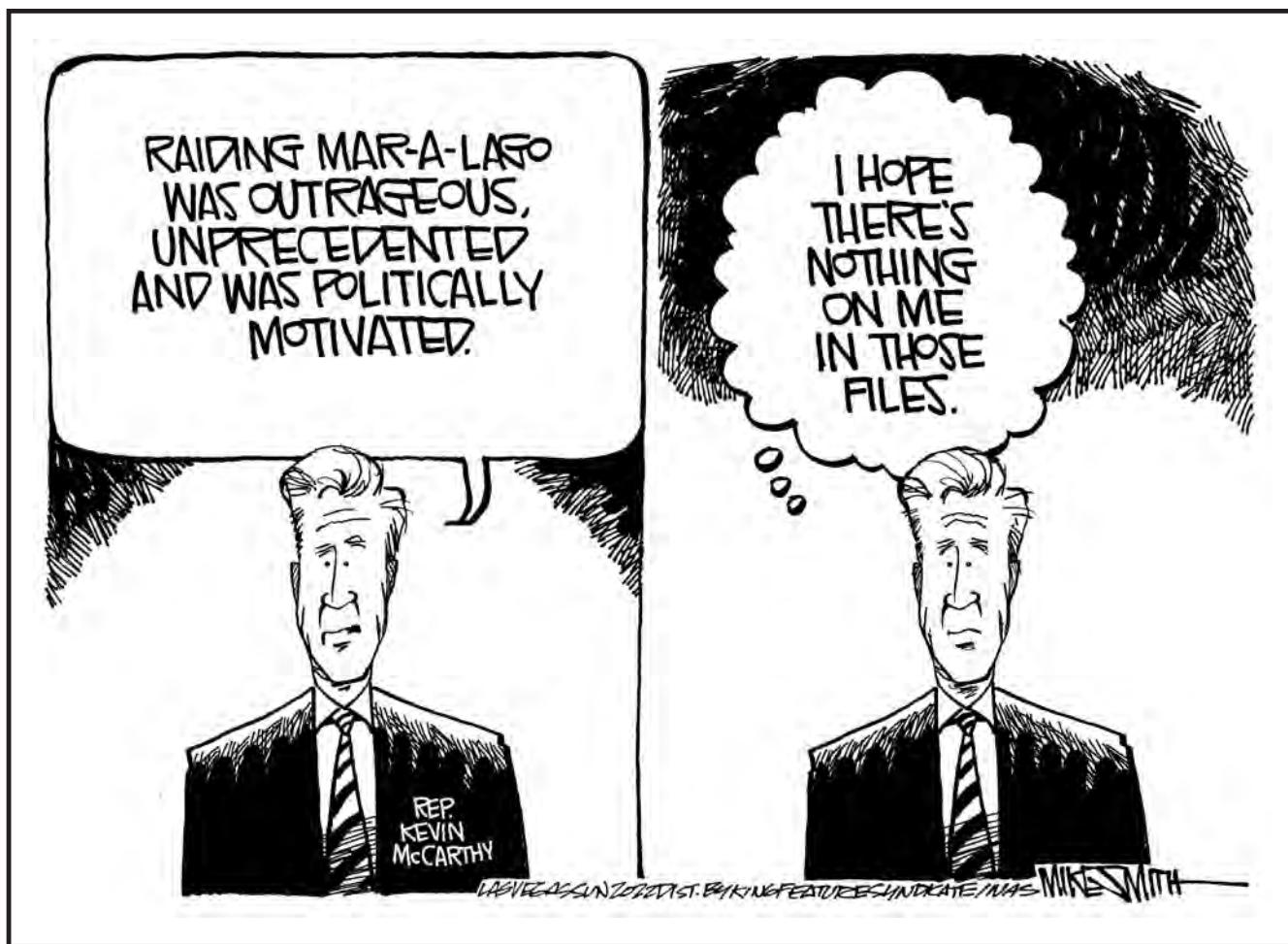
We abhor all of them. Whatever our political or religious beliefs, we must stand together against them.

We herald Rushdie's artistry, intellect, literary prowess and compassion for his fellow travelers.

In "The Satanic Verses," Rushdie wrote of the poet's work: "to name the unnameable, to point at frauds, to take sides, start arguments, shape the world, and stop it going to sleep."

Exactly. Godspeed to him.

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## Would locking up Trump serve the public interest?

Without knowing what the Department of Justice has learned about former President Donald Trump's conduct, it's impossible to say whether searching his home in Mar-a-Lago was justified.

Before all the facts are in, however, it's crucial to understand that the verdict on this action and what follows can't rest only on what the law says. Attorney General Merrick Garland and his officials also had to be sure that they were acting—and would in due course be seen as having acted—in the public interest.

Assuming they had solid legal grounds for doing what they did, this second test is still extremely demanding. I'm hoping it wasn't just ignored.

You might well ask: How can investigation and prosecution of crimes ever fail to be in the public interest? Very easily. A conscientious effort to prosecute every crime to the fullest extent of the law might leave surprisingly few Americans at liberty. This country has built such a vast constellation of criminal offenses that prosecutorial discretion—that is, choosing not to prosecute—is not so much a function of limited resources as something that justice actually requires.

According to reports, the crimes Trump possibly committed might include such heinous acts as keeping a letter former President Barack Obama left for him in the Oval Office. No doubt that's multiple counts of something all by itself. In the U.S. it's easy to commit crimes without realizing it, and sometimes difficult not to. (Read "Three Felonies a Day" by Harvey Silverglate.) So-called reform prosecutors make a related point about the public interest in their argument for less zealous prosecution—though I expect few will be rushing to Trump's defense.

Regardless, the point stands: Prosecuting crimes to the fullest extent of the law is not just impracticable in the U.S. In many cases, it's also unjust.

Granted, a president who, say, conspires to commit electoral fraud is a much more serious offender than the occasional user of recreational drugs. And part of what defines a free country is that political leaders aren't seen, and don't see themselves, as above the law. In some ways, the public interest demands that they be held to a higher standard than everybody else. (You might overlook a neighbor who hosts a party during a pandemic lockdown; it's harder to forgive a prime minister who breaks his own law while enforcing it on others.)

At any rate, the seriousness of the alleged crime has a bearing on the public-interest calculation. The Justice Department's "Principles of Federal Prosecution" say as much. On whether to initiate or decline charges, they also say this: "In assessing the

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seriousness of the offense ... the prosecutor may properly weigh such questions as whether the violation is technical or relatively inconsequential in nature and what the public attitude may be toward prosecution under the circumstances of the case."

I hope National Review's Andrew McCarthy's speculation is right, that the search at Mar-a-Lago is about knowingly illegal efforts to overturn the election—a grave crime—and that the putative violation of document-retention rules is, as they say, pretextual. Recent reports suggest the focus is on the mishandling of classified documents; that could pose a threat to national security and might also satisfy the public-interest test.

Serious offenses demand accountability. But former presidents can be held accountable in many ways, and it's a further step to say their misconduct should trigger the automatic application of the criminal law.

In a country with a credibly nonpartisan criminal-justice system, the answer would be easy: Just prosecute. The effort might succeed or fail, depending on the strength of the evidence, but whatever the outcome, the collateral damage would be limited.

In America, however, the criminal-justice system is no longer trusted to stand above politics. Actually, it's no longer even asked by either side of a deeply divided country to try: More important values are deemed to be at stake. What a truly toxic combination. The system grants prosecutors enormous power and discretion, and the loudest voices insist they be applied to nakedly political goals.

Set aside the difficulties of sustaining a successful prosecution of Trump. (Regardless of the charges, they're daunting.) Instead, focus on Garland's most important task: repairing the reputation of a tainted and dangerously politicized criminal-justice system. Above all, this demands caution and restraint—something that the FBI's visit to Mar-a-Lago did not convey. Perhaps, once all the facts are known, it will be clear that Garland and his officials conducted themselves ... judiciously. If not, they'll have moved the country another step closer to constitutional collapse.



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## Statement on the passing of FSM Vice President Yosiwo P. George

**HAGÄTÑA, Guam**—Gov. Lou Leon Guerrero and Lt. Gov. Josh Tenorio issued the following statements on the passing of Vice President Yosiwo P. George of the Federated States of Micronesia:

**Leon Guerrero:** “We join the island of Guam and the Federated States of Micronesia in mourning the passing of Vice President Yosiwo P. George, a beloved leader of our region who lived

the FSM foreign policy of being a friend to all and enemy to none, and leaves behind a legacy that will inspire generations of Micronesians to come. I had the honor of working with Vice President George for many years in his capacities as the Lt. Governor and Governor of Kosrae, a senator in the FSM Congress, the director of FSM Health and Human Services and as Vice President of the FSM. Jeff, Josh and I send his family, President David Panuelo and the people of FSM our heartfelt condolences

and support during this difficult time.”

**Tenorio:** “Vice President George was a kind and gracious man who left a lasting impression on everyone he met, truly sharing the humble spirit of his home island Kosrae. He represented the FSM and the whole of Micronesia well when he became the FSM Ambassador to the United States and the United Nations, and we will continue to draw upon his spirit of public service as we continue to foster peace and prosperity for all of Micronesia.”

## Do we make bad assumptions about the news coverage we see?

**R**ecently I was struck by a conversation I had with a progressive friend. When I noted the significant decrease in extreme world poverty over the past two decades—a remarkable achievement that has attracted relatively little news coverage—he responded by confidently denying that this was so. His reasoning was instructive: If this were true, he said, he would have heard about it by now.

Reasoning from an absence of news is a familiar, and often justified, phenomenon. If you are worried that your favorite sports team is thinking of trading its star player, it would be reasonable to regard the absence of news as indicating that the player has not yet been traded.

But as my friend’s case makes clear, this sort of reasoning can also lead us badly astray. Suppose that your preferred news sources do not regularly report on a given topic. If you assume that they do offer coverage on that topic, you risk making the sort of mistake my friend made.

There are many examples of this sort of situation. Early in the pandemic, for example, those who assumed that their newspapers were keeping them fully informed of the known health risks of COVID-19 were mistaken. Faulty expectations of news coverage in the United Kingdom were implicated in people’s mistaken impression of the prevalence of sexual harassment on college campuses. And matters are particularly acute for local news: Many of us continue to assume a degree of coverage that does not reflect the dramatic decrease in the number of local news outlets.

Thus arises a subtle but pervasive problem in the way we consume news. Unlike the more familiar, but still very important, problem of “fake news,” which requires us to distinguish true reports from false ones, the problem here concerns our response to an absence of news. How we respond to such absences can be as important as how we respond to news reports themselves.

Our problem, then, is to determine when it is proper to inter-

pret the absence of news as indicating that there is nothing newsworthy to report. When is it proper, in other words, to endorse the “no news shortcut”?

Cases in which this shortcut is proper are easy to come by. If I haven’t heard that the Eiffel Tower has collapsed, it probably hasn’t.

But not all important information is as memorable, as simple to convey or as certain to be widely reported as the news of the collapse of the Eiffel Tower. The state of campus politics, the incidence of white supremacist rhetoric in police departments, the conditions in your local prison—such matters might not be reported by the news outlets you favor.

To rely on the “no news shortcut” in these cases is to persist in whatever beliefs you happen to have about the state of campus politics or the conditions in your local prison. This is a problem when your beliefs are false or outdated.

Unfortunately, features of human psychology exacerbate the problem.

One feature is the well-confirmed availability heuristic, in which how easily something comes to mind is treated as indicating how likely it is to be true or common. In cases in which we’ve heard nothing to the contrary, the availability heuristic may explain why we are inclined to believe the first thing that pops into our heads. Perhaps this explains my progressive friend’s response to my report: When he thinks of global poverty, he immediately thinks that matters are getting worse, and nothing I say can dislodge that thought.

Another feature is what political scientists David Broockman and Joshua Kalla call the “partisan coverage filtering” bias, which arises when one’s preferred source of news is selective in its coverage. In research not yet published, Broockman and Kalla provide initial evidence for the manner in which this bias reinforces one’s deeply held political beliefs. Consider a devotee of Fox News: He may dismiss reliable reports regarding climate

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change on the grounds that he hasn’t encountered such reports on Fox. Or consider my progressive friend. Although he is a well-educated and news-savvy person, he is making the same type of mistake: His misguided expectations of news coverage led him to dismiss what I told him.

So when can we safely employ the “no news shortcut”?

While there is no hard and fast rule, simply being aware of the problem can help.

In addition, we need to be aware of the broad range of assumptions we make when we employ this shortcut. We are assuming that the relevant facts are readily observable, that reporters are competent and would succeed in publishing their findings, and that we would come across any relevant reports in the course of our daily routine. When these assumptions are true, following the “no news shortcut” is relatively safe; when they are false, it is risky.

In the age of social media, it is tempting to suppose that we are constantly being kept informed of all that is newsworthy. But this is an illusion, and a dangerous one at that: Our faulty expectations of coverage can lead us to feel highly confident in matters on which we are badly mistaken.

## The most self-destructive force in the world

**W**ithout a doubt, the climate-obsessed green movement is the most stupidly self-destructive force in the world today, leaving a trail of irrationality and folly wherever it goes.

Consider its recent record of destroying the country of Sri Lanka, making Western Europe needlessly vulnerable to Vladimir Putin’s energy blackmail and stoking higher energy prices in the U.S. that have contributed to the fastest decline in real wages in 40 years.

The greens are rapidly making up ground on the socialists as the modern world’s foremost economic and social saboteurs (and, of course, the two now work hand in hand).

If a hostile actor were to consider the best way to harm a society from within, it would unquestionably be to increase the sway of climate alarmists and other environmentalists who believe it is their righteous duty to make it harder and more expensive to power a modern economy, as well as to build and grow things.

They seek to throw the gears into reverse on the millennia-long human quest for cheaper, more abundant and more reliable sources of energy, while putting new obstacles in the way of other human endeavor.

Since they are fired by a quasi-religious vision of an existential climate crisis on the verge of ending Planet Earth, they reject cost-benefit analysis, not to mention basic realism. The resulting wreckage is all around us.

Sri Lanka achieved one of the highest ESG, or Environmental,

Social and Governance, scores in the world and destroyed its economy in the process. The country banned chemical fertilizers in April 2021 as it hurtled toward becoming the world’s first all-organic country. It proved one small step ahead for environmental pieties and a giant leap backward for Sri Lankan farmers. A large proportion of land went dormant, and production of rice, tea and other crops dropped precipitously. The resulting economic calamity has led to the collapse of the government.

This is basically the Green New Deal in miniature.

Sri Lanka is a small island nation in the Indian Ocean; Germany is a powerhouse in the middle of continental Europe. But the green disease doesn’t discriminate on the basis of size or wealth.

For years, Germany pursued a policy of making itself dependent on Russian oil and (especially) gas, while congratulating itself on its great environmental virtue as it closed down nuclear power plants and ramped up renewable sources. Berlin can’t say it wasn’t warned of the risks of this approach. Such is the faddish grip of climate orthodoxy that it blew past all the blinking red lights. Sure enough, now Russia may well cut off the supply of gas this winter, at the same time that renewables have proved not ready for prime time (they are too intermittent, among other technical problems that won’t be solved anytime soon).

In its wisdom, Germany decided to shut down the source of energy that is clean, reliable and doesn’t require dependence on an authoritarian state hostile to the West—namely, nuclear pow-

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er. It fell prey to the environmental left’s superstitious hostility to nuclear. Even now, Germany is going ahead with shuttering its last three plants. It is turning again to coal to try to fill the gap this winter, underlining its disastrous mistake in prematurely eschewing such proven sources of energy in the first place.

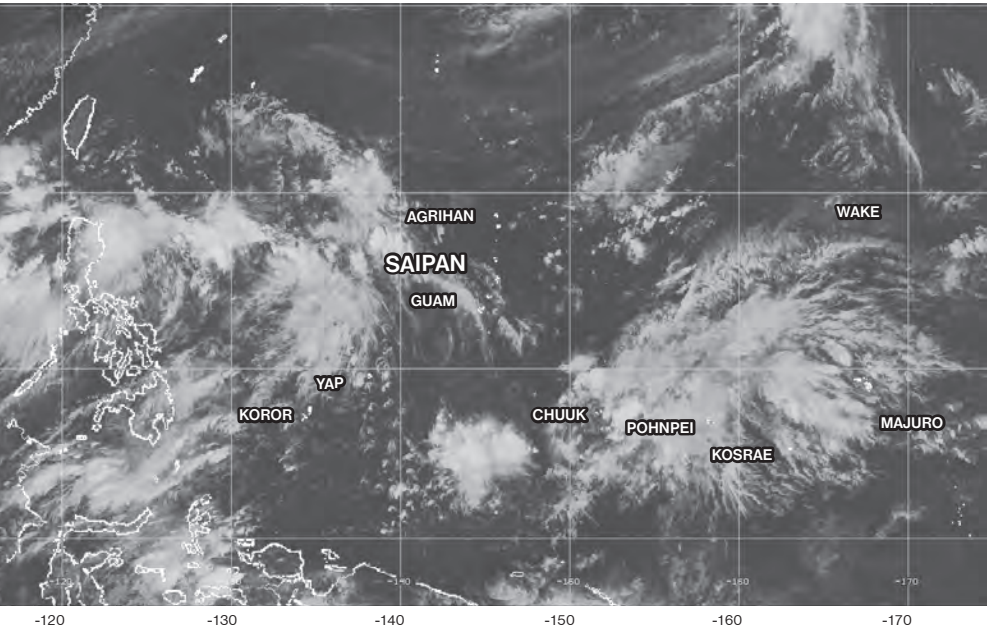
Here in the U.S., of course, Biden pledged to “end fossil fuel” back in 2019, a promise—given our prodigious reserves of oil, gas and coal—that would make almost as much sense as Russia or Saudi Arabia pledging to do the same. Even as inflation, with energy prices leading the way, destroys Biden’s presidency, he and his supporters are determined to pursue a climate agenda that will drive up costs and create inefficiencies at home while doing next to nothing to affect global temperatures.

It makes no sense, but for the greens, that’s never been a particularly important criterion.



# The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
									
Scattered showers. Partly sunny		Scattered showers. Partly sunny		Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny		A chance of showers. Partly sunny		A chance of showers. Partly sunny	
86°	77°	88°	77°	88°	77°	87°	77°	87°	77°
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE									



PICTURE TIME: 9:11 AM, MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Guam Doppler weather radar shows isolated showers moving through the Marianas waters. The buoys reveal combined seas of 3 to 5 feet, made up mainly of trade-wind swell from the east-northeast.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

## STOP THE SPREAD

**T**he Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. continue to encourage residents within the Marianas to practice social distancing, which means avoiding close contact with people in order to avoid catching the virus yourself and to avoid passing it on to others.

- Stay home as much as possible. Avoid unnecessary travel or public places.
- Avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10.
- Choose drive-thru, take-out, or delivery options, or outdoor seating, if available, when dining in.
- Send only one healthy adult from the household run necessary errands, such as getting groceries or picking up medications. Leave children, elderly, and other vulnerable people at home as much as possible. When returning home from an errand, wash your hands before doing anything else.
- Older adults and people with chronic medical conditions are at higher risk of getting very sick from this illness. People at high risk should stay at home as much as possible.
- Create a household plan of action, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/checklisthousehold-ready.html>
- Ensure a 30-day supply of all medicines.

### Continue good hand hygiene

- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, avoid touching your face, cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available.

### Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic

- Stay home when you are sick and if you recently traveled to a place with COVID-19. Self-quarantine means:
  - Choosing a room in your house that can be used to separate sick household members from others.
  - Washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

onds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Limiting visitors

CHCC appreciates the patience and understanding of the community at this time. To obtain general information about the CNMI COVID-19 response, contact the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force Hotline at 287-0046, 287-0489, 287-1089. These numbers are available Monday to Sunday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For medical information about COVID-19, reach out to the COVID-19 Infoline at the following numbers: 285-1672/1352. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30pm.

For mental health support and helpful tips during a crisis, call the Mental Health Support Line at 285-1856, 323-6560, 323-6561. These numbers are available Monday to Friday, 7:30am - 4:30 pm. For the 24/7 Disaster Distress Helpline, call SAMSHA at 1-800-985-5990.

For more information about DIY face coverings, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

For more information about CHCC programs, follow CHCC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter at @cnmichcc, check out our website at [www.chcc.gov.mp](http://www.chcc.gov.mp) or call us at (670) 234-8950.

For more information on the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force, visit [www.governor.gov.mp](http://www.governor.gov.mp) and follow @GovernorCNMI on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

This health advisory may be found online at <http://www.chcc.gov.mp/pressrelease.html> and at [www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19](http://www.governor.gov.mp/covid-19).

### Rumor control

During crises like this, oftentimes the spread of misinformation is just as dangerous as the virus itself. The CNMI is reminded to only share official and verified notices, press releases, and advisories from the Governor's COVID-19 Task Force and CHCC.

*Source: Office of the Governor*

MICRONESIA			▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Scattered Thunderstorms	87° / 79°	
Palau	Thunderstorms	82° / 75°	
Yap	Partly Cloudy	85° / 79°	
Chuuk	Scattered Thunderstorms	86° / 79°	
Pohnpei	Partly Cloudy	87° / 77°	
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	86° / 79°	
Majuro	Thunderstorms	84° / 79°	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:02 AM	6:40 PM
Wednesday	6:02 AM	6:39 PM
Thursday	6:02 AM	6:38 PM
Friday	6:02 AM	6:38 PM
Saturday	6:03 AM	6:37 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	9:43 AM	9:55 PM
Wednesday	-	10:35 AM	10:34 PM
Thursday	-	11:27 AM	11:13 PM
Friday	-	12:19 PM	11:55 PM
Saturday	-	1:11 PM	-

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Cloudy	61° / 58°	
Beijing	Sunny	88° / 73°	
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	87° / 81°	
Honolulu	Scattered Thunderstorms	86° / 74°	
London	Showers	75° / 62°	
Los Angeles	Sunny	90° / 67°	
Manila	Thunderstorms	86° / 76°	
Melbourne	Rain	56° / 49°	
Miami	Thunderstorms	88° / 78°	
New York	Partly Cloudy	83° / 67°	
Osaka	Thunderstorms	93° / 80°	
Paris	Cloudy	81° / 64°	
Busan	Thunderstorms	83° / 77°	
Rome	Thunderstorms	90° / 71°	
Salem	Partly Cloudy	93° / 70°	
San Francisco	Cloudy	73° / 56°	
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	86° / 75°	
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	85° / 70°	
Washington, DC	Cloudy	77° / 65°	

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
4:58 AM	Low Tide	0.81	
10:24 AM	High Tide	1.90	
5:00 PM	Low Tide	0.48	
11:12 PM	High Tide	2.00	

## FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 1, 2022

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
<b>SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)</b>				<b>GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN</b>			
UA117	9:50AM	10:30AM	Daily	UA174	8:00AM	8:45AM	Daily
UA156	6:30PM	7:15PM	6	UA112	4:40PM	5:30PM	6
<b>GUAM-MANILA (MNL)</b>				<b>MANILA (MNL)-GUAM</b>			
PR 111	6:00AM	8:00AM	Daily	PR110	10:00PM	4:00AM+1	Daily
UA193	7:05PM	10:55PM	5 via Palau	UA184	10:25PM	4:25AM+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA183	7:10PM	9:10PM	Daily	UA192	10:25PM	6:15AM+1	5 via Palau
				UA184	11:50PM	5:40AM+1	5
<b>SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)</b>				<b>MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN</b>			
UA117/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	Daily via Guam	UA184/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	1,2,3, 4, 6, 7 via Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	10:55PM	5 via Guam, Palau	UA192/174	10:25PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Palau, Guam
				UA184/174	11:50PM	8:45AM+1	5 via Guam
<b>SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)</b>				<b>INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN</b>			
TW9308	3:30PM	7:20PM	Daily	7C3406	8:30AM	2:10PM	6
7C3405	3:30PM	7:25PM	6	7C3406	8:50AM	2:50PM	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
7C3405	3:50PM	7:45PM	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7	OZ623	9:00AM	2:30PM	3, 6
OZ624	4:00PM	7:40PM	3, 6	TW9307	9:15AM	2:30PM	Daily
<b>SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)</b>				<b>BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN</b>			
7C3451	3:00PM	6:20PM	3, 7	7C3452	9:00AM	2:00PM	3, 7
BX621	3:10PM	6:30PM	3, 7	BX622	8:00AM	1:10PM	3, 7

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### FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

SAIPAN TO ROTA						SAIPAN TO TINIAN					
FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	SAIPAN	ROTA	8:30	9:00	Daily	1202	SAIPAN	TINIAN	8:00	8:15	Daily
1302	SAIPAN	ROTA	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri	1203	SAIPAN	TINIAN	9:00	9:15	Daily
1302	SAIPAN	ROTA	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun	1204	SAIPAN	TINIAN	10:00	10:15	Daily
1303	SAIPAN	ROTA	15:30	16:00	Daily	1208	SAIPAN	TINIAN	14:00	14:15	Daily
ROTA TO SAIPAN						1209	SAIPAN	TINIAN	15:00	15:15	Daily
FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	1210	SAIPAN	TINIAN	16:00	16:15	Daily
3101	ROTA	SAIPAN	9:30	10:00	Daily	1211	SAIPAN	TINIAN	17:00	17:15	Daily
3102	ROTA	SAIPAN	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun	TINIAN TO SAIPAN					
3102	ROTA	SAIPAN	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri	FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3103	ROTA	SAIPAN	16:30	17:00	Daily	2102	TINIAN	SAIPAN	8:30	8:45	Daily
ROTA TO GUAM						2103	TINIAN	SAIPAN	9:30	9:45	Daily
LIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	2104	TINIAN	SAIPAN	10:30	10:45	Daily
3401	ROTA	GUAM	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri	2108	TINIAN	SAIPAN	14:30	14:45	Daily
GUAM TO ROTA						2109	TINIAN	SAIPAN	15:30	15:45	Daily
FLIGHT #	FROM	TO	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY	2110	TINIAN	SAIPAN	16:30	16:45	Daily
4301	GUAM	ROTA	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri	2111	TINIAN	SAIPAN	17:30	17:45	Daily

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# Business

## 60 businesses represented at 1st Friends of Business Summit

The Governor's Council of Economic Advisers, CNMI Small Business Development Center Network, and the Saipan Chamber of Commerce welcomed business owners and managers from 60 local businesses at the Marianas Business Pride's 2022 Friends of Business Summit last Wednesday, Aug. 10, at the Taga Hall, Saipan World Resort. Over 100 attendees participated in the summit conversations and received insight into various funding opportunities available for businesses.

The MBP Friends of Business Summit and Survey were developed by GCEA's Small Business Development & Retention Committee chairs Joe Guerrero and Alex Youn to better understand the needs and plight of small business owners in the CNMI. The committee aims to improve the processes to start and maintain thriving businesses in the Commonwealth.

Attendees at the summit received the MBP Friends of Business Survey results.

The survey polled small business owners and managers from throughout the CNMI to gain insights into how the CNMI can improve the business startup process and provide better overall support for businesses. The survey asked 23 questions. Responses were received from Rota, Tinian, and Saipan.

Matthew Deleon Guerrero, GCEA Fiscal Economic Diversification Committee chair and regional director of ARI Ltd., aided in the survey's development. "The survey asked relatively simple questions in an effort to establish a good picture of our small business community and what their defining characteristics are at this stage in the economy," he said. "Some of the useful data we shared today included an assessment of financial resources used among existing businesses. We also gained good insight into their challenges in obtaining external finance."

Deleon Guerrero added, "More broadly, if we ask these questions consistently over the next few years, it will give the CNMI a critical data point to analyze the impact of policy changes or to determine how large developments in the economy affect smaller businesses."

Summit speakers included the CNMI Small Business Development Center Net-

work, the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers, the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, the CNMI Bureau of Military Affairs Economic Development Program, the Commonwealth Zoning Board, the CNMI Department of Labor, the CNMI Department of Commerce, the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority, and the Office of the Governor.

Another highlight of the summit was the announcement of the BOOST Program by the Office of the Governor. The BOOST program offers support for CNMI businesses and nonprofit organizations through grants and business coaching. Provided by the CNMI Office of the Governor, CNMI Department of Finance, and CNMI Department of Commerce, BOOST Program grants aim to support the viability of businesses and the employment opportunities they provide. More information about this program can be found at [boostcnmi.com](http://boostcnmi.com).

One summit participant, Romeo Herman, owner of Pressure's On, noted that the summit provided valuable information for small business owners and fellow business owners were welcoming to up-and-coming businesses.

"From the government to nonprofit organizations, I was astounded by how the CNMI had so many programs to help small business owners and starters. I liked how the survey's statistics were shown so that we could understand it," said Herman. "Most people think that it is difficult to start up a business, but with all these programs and funding that I was made aware of, I'm out of that statistic margin now. Thank you to the summit and the supporters."

Additionally, Herman looks forward to seeing other events focus on the launch of small businesses. He noted that he sees potential in what the CNMI offers. "We might be a micro speck on the global platform, but we do have something to offer like what Rota is doing with its coffee plantation. Its products are sold in stores across the CNMI," he said. "The CNMI has many bright and young minds that are overflowing with ideas who just need to be pointed in the right direction." (PR)

A longer version of this story is available at [www.saipantribune.com](http://www.saipantribune.com)



Over 100 attendees participated in the inaugural Marianas Business Pride 2022 Friends of Business Summit at the Taga Hall, Saipan World Resort in Susupe last Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2022. Among the 100 participants, 60 local businesses were represented and received insight into various funding opportunities available for businesses. GCEA



## In Loving Memory XAVIER ATALIG CASTRO

December 3, 1971 - August 8, 2022

Xavier Atalig Castro passed away on August 8, 2022 at the age of 50, surrounded by his loving family. Preceded in death by his father, Joaquin Quichocho Castro and mother, Margarita Atalig Castro.

Xavier is survived by his loving wife of 27 years, Williamae Duque Castro; four children: Maiana, Samaya, Lorenzo, and Giovani; family - Dorsha & Luis Moreno [Jasha & Travis Potter (Reese Potter), Torren Moreno], Deanna & Phil Sablan [Jordan Castro, Reece Sablan, Nathaniel Sablan], Dionne Castro & † Sachelle Featheran [Kiara & Jose Salgado (Malina Salgado, Marley Salgado)], Donnalynn & Joe Camacho [Tori Camacho, Ava Camacho], Christopher Castro, Isaiah Rodriguez-Thibodeau, and Daniel Castro; extended family and friends.

A dedicated spouse, father, sibling, and friend, he often referred to himself as a friend collector. He felt like he could never have enough friends, and found great joy in touching the lives of those around him. A parishioner of St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Church in Spring, Texas. Xavier believed in giving back to his community, serving as a Cubmaster and Den Leader for the Cub Scouts of America, and as a board member for the community swim team.

Xavier made lifelong friends while pursuing his education at Fresno State, and later while earning his MBA at UH Manoa. His career took him to several destinations, and he was proud to have served the CNMI as a Director of Finance. His recent role as a Senior Consultant for Zuri Group gave him the opportunity to be of service to others by helping non-profit organizations succeed.

An avid athlete, he was well-known by his friends and family for being passionate about health, nutrition and fitness. If he wasn't running or hiking, he was often found training for an obstacle course like Tough Mudder or Spartan.

Xavier was caring, courageous, inspirational, easy-going, patient, and could easily bring comfort with a kind smile. He has blessed the lives of so many with his love and compassion.

### Saipan Masses:

#### Kristo Rai Church

8/10	6:00 pm
8/11 -13	6:00 am
8/14	8:00 am
8/15 - 18	6:00 am

#### St. Jude Church

8/10-13	6:00 pm
8/14	6:00 am / 8:00 am
8/15 - 18	6:00 pm

### Texas Funeral Service:

St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church  
7810 Cypresswood Dr, Spring, TX 77379

Vigil: 8/16 from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm (CST)

Funeral Mass: 8/17 from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm (CST)\*\*

Reception: 8/17 from 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm (CST)

\*\* You can view a livestream of the Texas funeral mass on 8/17 11:00 am CST by going to the link below <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVKpDmNvHv1YffUAysrlyNQ>



# Nation

## Deadline looms for drought-stricken states to cut water use



Visitors view the dramatic bend in the Colorado River at the popular Horseshoe Bend in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, in Page, Ariz., on Sept. 9, 2011. Other photo shows the same location on June 8, 2022. AP

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)**—Banks along parts of the Colorado River where water once streamed are now just caked mud and rock as climate change makes the Western U.S. hotter and drier.

More than two decades of drought have done little to deter the region from diverting more water than flows through it, depleting key reservoirs to levels that now jeopardize delivery and hydropower production.

Cities and farms in seven U.S. states are bracing for cuts this week as officials stare down a deadline to propose unprecedented reductions to their use of the water, setting up what's expected to be the most consequential week for Colorado River policy in years.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in June told the states — Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming — to figure out how to use at least 15% less water next year, or have restrictions imposed on them. On top of that, the bu-

reau is expected to publish hydrology projections that will trigger additional cuts already agreed to.

"The challenges we are seeing today are unlike anything we have seen in our history," Camille Touton, the bureau's commissioner, said in a U.S. Senate hearing that month.

Tensions over the extent of the cuts and how to spread them equitably have flared, with states pointing fingers and stubbornly clinging to their water rights despite the looming crisis.

"It's not fun sitting around a table figuring out who is going to sacrifice and how much," said Bill Hasencamp, the Colorado River resources manager at Metropolitan Water District, which provides water to most of Southern California.

Representatives from the seven states convened in Denver last week for eleventh-hour negotiations behind closed doors. Officials party to discussions said the most likely targets for cuts are farmers in

Arizona and California. Agricultural districts in those states are asking to be paid generously to shoulder that burden.

The Colorado River cascades down from the Rocky Mountains into the arid deserts of the Southwest. It's the primary water supply for 40 million people. About 70% of its water goes toward irrigation, sustaining a \$15 billion-a-year agricultural industry that supplies 90% of the United States' winter vegetables.

The river is divided among Mexico and the seven U.S. states under a series of agreements that date back a century, to a time when more water flowed through the river. But climate change has transformed the river's hydrology, providing less snowmelt and causing hotter temperatures and more evaporation. As it's yielded less water, the states have agreed to cuts tied to the levels of reservoirs that store river water.

Last year, federal officials for the first time declared a water shortage, triggering

cuts to Nevada, Arizona and Mexico's share of the river to help prevent the two largest reservoirs — Lake Powell and Lake Mead — from dropping low enough to threaten hydropower production and stop water from flowing through their dams.

The proposals for supplemental cuts due this week have inflamed disagreement between upper basin states — Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming — and lower basin states — Arizona, California and Nevada — over how to spread the pain. The lower basin states use most of the water and have thus far shouldered most of the cuts. The upper basin states have historically not used their full allocations but want to maintain their water rights to plan for population growth.

Gene Shawcroft, the chairman of Utah's Colorado River Authority, believes the lower basin states should take most of the cuts because they use most of the water and their full allocations.

## Police: Man killed himself after ramming US Capitol barrier

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—A man drove his car into a barricade near the U.S. Capitol early Sunday and then began firing gunshots in the air before fatally shooting himself, according to police, who said he did not seem to be targeting any member of Congress.

The incident happened just before 4 a.m. at a vehicle barricade set at East Capitol Street NE and 2nd Street SE in Washington.

It comes at a time when law enforcement authorities across the country are facing an increasing number of threats and federal officials have warned about the potential of violent attacks on government buildings in the days since the

FBI's search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate in Florida.

The attack is reminiscent of an incident when a man drove a vehicle into two Capitol Police officers at a checkpoint in April 2021, killing an 18-year veteran of the force. And many on Capitol Hill remain on edge after supporters of the then-president stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

Authorities said the man, identified as Richard A. York III, 29, of Delaware, crashed into the barricade and that as he was getting out of the car, the vehicle became engulfed in flames. The man then opened fire, firing several shots into the air as police approached.

Capitol Police said the man shot himself as the officers neared. He was later pronounced dead.

Capitol Police Chief Tom Manger said officers did not hear the man say anything before he opened fire "indiscriminately" in the street with a handgun and walked toward the Capitol building. Authorities are investigating whether the man may have set his car on fire, the chief said, because the collision did not appear to cause the blaze.

Police officers at the scene saw the man fatally shoot himself as they approached, Manger said.

The chief said investigators located addresses for the man in Delaware and Pennsylvania and

learned he had a criminal history in the past decade, though his motive remained unclear and he had no links to the Capitol.

"We don't have any information that would indicate his motivation at this point," Manger said.

Police said "it does not appear the man was targeting any member of Congress" and that investigators are examining the man's background as they work to try to discern a motive. Both the House and Senate are in recess and very few staff members work in the Capitol complex at that hour.

Authorities said no other injuries were reported and police do not believe any officers returned fire.

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Hit-and-run on Chicago street leaves 3 dead, 1 injured

**CHICAGO (AP)**—Three people were killed and another injured when they were struck by a car during a hit-and-run on a Chicago street early Sunday, police said. A sedan hit the four males around 5 a.m. on the city's South Side and then drove away, Chicago police said. No one was in custody, police said. Video circulating online purported to show them being struck by a fast-moving car, but police declined to release further information. Three victims were pronounced dead at a Chicago hospital. The fourth was taken to a different Chicago hospital. Their names and ages were unknown Sunday.

#### Police: 2 dead after SUV crashes into N. Carolina restaurant

**WILSON, N.C. (AP)**—A sport utility vehicle crashed into a North Carolina fast-food restaurant on Sunday, killing two sibling customers, police said. The single-vehicle crash occurred at about 9:45 a.m. at a Hardee's restaurant in the city of Wilson, around 40 miles (65 kilometers) east of the state capital, Raleigh. The Lincoln Aviator struck brothers Christopher Ruffin, 58, and Clay Ruffin, 62, both from Wilson, according to a police news release. Christopher Ruffin was pronounced dead at the scene, while his brother died at ECU Health Medical Center in Greenville. Photos from the scene showed the silver SUV appeared to have gone through the front windows, coming to a stop inside the dining area atop broken glass

and window frames.

#### Police: Man drives into fundraiser crowd, then kills mother

**BERWICK, Pa. (AP)**—Pennsylvania state police say a man upset about an argument with his mother drove into a crowd of people at a fundraiser for victims of a recent deadly house fire, killing one person at the event and injuring 17 others, then returned home and beat his mother to death. Police identified the driver as 24-year-old Adrian Oswaldo Sura Reyes of Nescopeck, who was arraigned early Sunday on two counts of criminal homicide. Police allege in a criminal complaint that Sura Reyes said he argued with his mother at their Nescopeck home Saturday evening and while driving through nearby Berwick was "extremely frustrated" and was "tired of fighting with his mother, including about money, and wanted to be done with it."

#### 3 injured in shooting at amusement park near Chicago

**GURNEE, Ill. (AP)**—Three people were injured late Sunday in a shooting at an amusement park north of Chicago. Three people were hurt in a parking lot outside Six Flags Great America in Gurnee when shots were fired from a vehicle, according to a spokesperson for the park, which is located about 45 miles (72 kilometers) north of Chicago. The vehicle immediately drove away. No other details were provided. Two of the people injured were taken to a hospital for evaluation and one refused treatment, according to the spokesperson.



# World

## 5 US lawmakers visit Taiwan

**TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)**—Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen met Monday with a delegation of U.S. Congress members in a further sign of support among American lawmakers for the self-governing island that China claims as its own territory.

Taiwanese media showed the delegation arriving for the talks, but details of the meeting were not immediately released.

It comes less than two weeks after U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan, which prompted days of threatening military exercises by China, including the firing of missiles over the island and into the Taiwan Strait.

China has also sent warplanes and navy ships across the waterway's median, which has long been a buffer between the sides that separated amid civil war in 1949. China regards formal contacts between U.S. politicians and the island's government as support for its independence from Beijing.

China says it wants to use peaceful means to bring Taiwan under its control, but its recent saber rattling has emphasized its military threat.

The five-member delegation is led by Democratic Sen. Ed Markey of Massachusetts and is to meet with other government and private sector

representatives. Reducing tensions in the Taiwan Strait and investments in Taiwan's crucial semiconductor industry are expected to be key topics of discussion.

The other members of the delegation are Republican Rep. Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen, a delegate from American Samoa, and Democrats John Garamendi and Alan Lowenthal from California and Don Beyer from Virginia.



In this photo released by the Taiwan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, from left, U.S. Democratic House member Alan Lowenthal from California, Democratic House members John Garamendi, Donald Yu-Tien Hsu, Director-General, dept. of North American Affairs, Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Democratic House member Don Beyer from Virginia and Republican Rep. Aumua Amata Coleman Radewagen, a delegate from American Samoa pose for a photo after arriving on a U.S. government plane at Songshan airport in Taipei, Taiwan on Sunday, Aug 14, 2022. AP

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Fire at Cairo Coptic church kills 41, including 15 children

**CAIRO (AP)**—A fire ripped through a packed Coptic Orthodox church during morning services in Egypt's capital on Sunday, quickly filling it with thick black smoke and killing 41 worshippers, including at least 15 children. Several trapped congregants jumped from upper floors of the Martyr Abu Sefein church to try to escape the intense flames, witnesses said. "Suffocation, suffocation, all of them dead," said a distraught witness, who only gave a partial name, Abu Bishoy. Sixteen people were injured, including four policemen involved in the rescue effort. The cause of the blaze at the church in the working-class neighborhood of Imbaba was not immediately known. An initial investigation pointed to an electrical short-circuit, according to a police statement.

#### PM Modi pledges to make India developed country in 25 years

**NEW DELHI (AP)**—The prime minister on Monday pledged to work with vigor to turn poverty-ridden India into a developed country in the next 25 years. Wearing a flowing, cream-colored turban printed with small stripes of orange, white and green, Narendra Modi addressed the country from New Delhi's 17th-century Mughal-era Red Fort to mark the 75th anniversary of India's independence from British rule. He said the world's view of India was changing and it was looking toward the country to help resolve global issues.

#### Fireworks blast at Yerevan market kills 2, injures 60

**YEREVAN, Armenia (AP)**—A strong explosion at a fireworks storage area tore through

a popular market in Armenia's capital on Sunday, killing at least two people, injuring 60 others and setting off a large fire. Firefighters labored into the night after the early afternoon blast at the Surmalu market to put out the blaze that sent a towering column of thick smoke over the center of Yerevan. Rescue workers and volunteers searched amid still-exploding fireworks for victims who might be trapped under slabs of concrete and twisted metal. Emergencies Minister Armen Pambukhchyan said the ministry has received 20 reports from people who said they could not locate their relatives after the blast. Ten injured people and one dead victim were pulled from the rubble, according to the national health ministry, which also gave the casualty toll.

#### Gunman in Montenegro kills 10, then shot dead by passerby

**CETINJE, Montenegro (AP)**—A man went on a shooting rampage in the streets of this western Montenegro city Friday, killing 10 people, including two children, before being shot dead by a passerby, officials said. Montenegrin police chief Zoran Brdjanin said in a video statement shared with media that attacker was a 34-year-old man he identified only by his initials, V.B. Brdjanin said the man used a hunting rifle to first shoot to death two children ages 8 and 11 and their mother, who lived as tenants in the attacker's house in Cetinje's Medovina neighborhood. The shooter then walked into the street and randomly shot 13 more people, seven of them fatally, the chief said. "At the moment, it is unclear what provoked V.B. to commit this atrocious act," Brdjanin said.

*In Celebration of His New Life*

†ISRAEL MENDIOLA DE LEON

December 15, 1985 - August 11, 2022  
Lovingly known as "Boboy or Izzy"

Was called by Our Almighty Father to eternal rest at the age of 36 years.

In his new life, he now joins his:

**Parents:** †Jaime Miranda De Leon and †Jesusa Mendiola De Leon  
**Sister:** †Jerbeth Mendiola De Leon  
**Maternal Grandparents:** †Leocadio Cabrera Castro Mendiola and †Felisa Muna Aguon Mendiola  
**Paternal Grandparents:** †Protacio Bautista De Leon and †Loreta Miranda De Leon

His love, memories, and peaceful spirit will live in the hearts of:

**Wife:** Jennalyn Betonio De Leon  
**Children:** Israel Jr. Betonio De Leon and Ian James Betonio De Leon  
**Siblings:** Sarah and Arthur Agulto (Ayrach Snow), †Jerbeth De Leon (Riley Jae), and Isabelle and Jeffrey Navarro (Cassie Nicole and Maverick Jaime)  
**Father-in-law:** Edwin Fuentes Rufo Betonio  
**Mother-in-law:** Helen Balladares Bayron Betonio  
**Siblings-in-law:** Jake Rey Betonio/Emelyn Betonio and kids, Jonnalyn and Jordan Mendiola (Kiana Jo'), Jamaica Betonio/Jimijay, Jessa/Ronnel Retamal and kids

He is additionally survived by numerous aunties, uncles, nephews, nieces, cousins, Godchildren, and friends.

Daily mass of intention is being offered at 6:00pm at St. Jude, San Antonio, and Kristo Rai Church

On Friday, August 19, 2022, at 8:30am, our Beloved Israel (Boboy/Izzy) will be escorted from the CHCC Morgue to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Cathedral for viewing and last respects. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am, followed by interment at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your prayers, thoughts and presence are greatly appreciated.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Salamat Po, and Thank You,

*Jennalyn Betonio De Leon, Children, & Family*



# Overdrive

## A retro futurist groove distinguishes Hyundai's fun 2022 Ioniq 5 EV

By LARRY PRINTZ  
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

It was 1974 when the econobox reached American shores in the form of the Volkswagen Golf, sold then as the Volkswagen Rabbit. It ushered in any number of competitors with a similar Bauhaus-like design efficiency that flew in the face of Detroit's fixation on baroque brougham designs. Americans did embrace efficient, sensibly sized hatchbacks but subsequently spurned them for oversized, inefficient ones—namely SUVs.

So the appearance of the 2022 Hyundai Ioniq 5 is a welcome change from the affectation that we're all about to take to the Rubicon Trail when in fact we are actually trooping to Walmart.

The 2022 Hyundai Ioniq 5 is a digitally drawn econobox

reimagined for the road ahead, a battery electric buggy that's at once fresh and familiar. It's peppered with exquisite detailing, such as the strakes that cascade from around the wheel arches, the artfully slim headlamps and subtle interplay of geometric side sculpting. It's all contained on a crisp, boxy form that offsets such flights of fancy with a functional sensibility.

And despite its familiarity, the Ioniq 5's shape hides outlandish proportions. Its wheelbase is longer than the three-row Hyundai Palisade SUV, yet its overall length is nearly two inches shorter than a Hyundai Elantra, and is nearly as tall as a Hyundai Santa Fe. Part of that is due to the massive battery pack that's placed down low between the axles, providing for a skateboard-like platform common to electric vehicles. This not only af-

fords a totally flat floor inside the Ioniq 5, but it also provides for an uncommon amount of head room and leg room. With no engine up front hogging a mess of space, there's more room for passengers and paraphernalia. The driving position is comfortably upright, and both rows of seats recline. And should you look up, you'll find a massive fixed sunroof. The top-of-the-line test vehicle was filled with indulgences such as faux leather

and a heated steering wheel.

The instrument panel's design is relentlessly horizontal, accentuated by two 12-inch screens, the left one for the digital instrument cluster, and the right being an infotainment touchscreen. Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, voice recognition, a navigation system and USB plugs come standard. A useful head-up display proved helpful for keeping focused on the road ahead and warning of vehicles coming up alongside



HYUNDAI/TNS  
The 2022 Hyundai Ioniq 5.

### NUTS & BOLTS

#### 2022 Hyundai Ioniq 5 Limited AWD

- Base price: \$54,500
- Powertrain: Dual electric motors, 77.4 kWh battery
- Horsepower/Torque: 320/446 pound-feet
- EPA fuel economy (city/high-

- way): 110 mpg-e/87 mpg-e
- Length/Width/Height: 182.5/ 74.4/63 inches
- Ground clearance: 6.1 inches
- Cargo capacity: 27.2-59.3 cubic feet
- Towing capacity: 2,300 pounds (RWD)/1,650 (AWD)

the vehicle. The audio system is too good for the horrible sound quality broadcast by SiriusXM satellite radio.

Below the infotainment screen are some quick access buttons, with a touch-sensitive climate control screen below that. It's all very easy to use. Assembly quality is excellent.

The 2022 Hyundai Ioniq 5 is offered in four trim levels. The entry-level Ioniq 5 SE Standard Range model comes with a 58-kWh battery pack rated at 168 horsepower, 258 pound-feet of torque, a 220-mile range and rear-wheel drive. SE, SEL and Limited trims get a larger 77.4-kWh pack with 225 horsepower, 258 pound-feet of torque and 303 miles with a single motor and rear-wheel drive. There's also a dual-motor option that provides all-wheel drive with 320 horsepower, 446 pound-feet of torque and 256 miles of range.

Best of all, it can be recharged from 10% to 80% in 18 minutes using a DC fast charger. And, Ioniq 5 buyers receive unlimited 30-minute charging sessions for two years on Electrify America public chargers. Despite the all-wheel-drive test car being rated by the EPA with 256 miles of range, it actually had 280 miles of range when fully charged.

SE, SEL and Limited models are rated to 1,650 pounds with all-wheel drive, 2,300 pounds with rear-wheel drive and 1,650 pounds with all-wheel drive; SE Standard Range models aren't rated for towing.

The Hyundai Ioniq 5 shows

itself to be a confident performer with negligible body roll while cornering thanks to its wide stance and a ton of mass placed down low. Its steering is swift and precise for navigating obstacles. In Sport driving mode, its rear-wheel bias makes it a kick to drive. There's even a scintilla of road feel that comes through—more than expected.

Given its dual motor configuration, it outperforms many of its electric vehicle rivals as well as numerous conventionally-powered vehicles in terms of speed. Even better, it remains completely silent, giving the idiom "seen but not heard" a whole new meaning.

The Ioniq 5's regenerative braking can be adjusted using paddles mounted on the steering wheel, which is one of its nicer features. Although it can make passengers queasy, boosting it to the maximum can help you get farther in stop-and-go traffic and allows one-pedal driving, virtually removing the need for the brake pedal.

Like any EV, you'll spend more for the Hyundai Ioniq 5 than a comparable crossover powered by gasoline, but for the time being, its cost is lower than many EV rivals. Additionally, since the government appears determined to ban gasoline-powered cars, you'll be preparing for your future mobility.

And not only will its short overall length give you more room to stash stuff in your garage, you'll never have to stop a gas station again. Now, isn't that nice?

## IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Diana Taitano Camacho*

Affectionately known as "Danang"  
July 04, 1956 -August 10, 2022

Daily Mass of intentions are offered daily at 6:00am at Mount Carmel Cathedral. Funeral Services will be held on Thursday, August 18, 2022. Our Beloved Diana will be escorted from the Commonwealth Health Center Morgue at 8:00am to Borja Funeral Home for viewing and last respect at 9:15am to 10:15am. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30am at Mount Carmel Cathedral, followed by internment at the Tanapag Cemetery.

Your prayers are sincerely appreciated.

Thank you - Si Yu' us Ma'ase

The Children of †Diana T. Camacho & Family





# Life & Style

## Salman Rushdie 'on the road to recovery,' agent says

MAYVILLE, N.Y. (AP)—Salman Rushdie is “on the road to recovery,” his agent confirmed Sunday, two days after the author of “The Satanic Verses” suffered serious injuries in a stabbing at a lecture in New York.

The announcement followed news that the lauded writer was removed from a ventilator Saturday and able to talk. Literary agent Andrew Wylie cautioned that although Rushdie’s “condition is headed in the right direction,” his recovery would be long. Rushdie, 75, suffered a damaged liver and severed

nerves in an arm and in an eye that he was likely to lose, Wylie had previously said.

“Though his life changing injuries are severe, his usual feisty & defiant sense of humour remains intact,” Rushdie’s son Zafar Rushdie said in a Sunday statement that stressed the author remained in critical condition. The family statement also expressed gratitude for the “audience members who bravely leapt to his defence,” as well as



Rushdie

police, doctors and “the outpouring of love and support.”

Hadi Matar, 24, of Fairview, New Jersey, pleaded not guilty Saturday to attempted murder and assault charges in what a prosecutor called “a targeted, unprovoked, preplanned attack” at western New York’s Chautauqua Institution, a nonprofit education and retreat center.

The attack was met with global shock and outrage,

along with praise for the man who, for more than three decades—including nine years in hiding under the protection of the British government—has weathered death threats and a \$3 million bounty on his head over “The Satanic Verses.”

“It’s an attack against his body, his life and against every value that he stood for,” Henry Reese, 73, told The Associated Press. The cofounder of Pittsburgh’s City of Asylum was on stage with Rushdie and suffered a gash to his forehead, bruising and other minor injuries. They had planned to dis-

cuss the need for writers’ safety and freedom of expression.

Authors, activists and government officials cited Rushdie’s bravery and longtime championing of free speech in the face of intimidation. Writer and longtime friend Ian McEwan labeled Rushdie “an inspirational defender of persecuted writers and journalists” and actor-author Kal Penn called him a role model, “especially many of us in the South Asian diaspora.”

“Salman Rushdie—with his insight into humanity, with his unmatched sense for

story, with his refusal to be intimidated or silenced—stands for essential, universal ideals,” U.S. President Joe Biden said in a Saturday statement. “Truth. Courage. Resilience. The ability to share ideas without fear.”

Rushdie, who was born in India to a Muslim family and has lived in Britain and the U.S., is known for his surreal and satirical prose, beginning with his Booker Prize-winning 1981 novel “Midnight’s Children,” in which he sharply criticized then-Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

## ‘Bullet Train’ repeats No. 1; ‘Top Gun’ flies back up ranks

NEW YORK (AP)—The Brad Pitt action film “Bullet Train” led all movies in ticket sales for a second straight weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday, while a quiet spell in theaters and incredible staying power allowed “Top Gun: Maverick” to rocket back into third place in its 12th week of release.

After launching the previous weekend with about \$30 million at the box office, “Bullet Train” pulled in \$13.4 million in its second go-around. David Leitch’s assassin-crowded film, made for \$90 million, has grossed \$54.4 million in two weeks for Sony Pictures. Globally, “Bullet Train” has grossed \$114.5 million.

Three new films went into wide release but none cracked the top five films. The slowdown — an expected but still acute late-summer

downturn in big releases — gave plenty of airspace for the year’s biggest movie, “Maverick,” to make another fly-by in theaters.

Nearly three months after opening in May, Paramount Pictures put the “Top Gun” sequel back on a number of large-format screens and increased its theater count from 2,760 to 3,181. It came away with \$7.2 million, bringing its cumulative total to \$673.8 million. Paramount’s biggest smash ever, “Maverick” sits at seventh all-time in domestic box office, not accounting for inflation, right above “Titanic” and just below “Avengers: Infinity War.”

The uncommonly long run for “Top Gun: Maverick” is even rarer at a time when studios have shrunk theatrical windows, typically sending movies to streaming services after about 45 days in theaters.

## Anne Heche dies of crash injuries after life support removed

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Anne Heche, the Emmy-winning film and television actor whose dramatic Hollywood rise in the 1990s and accomplished career contrasted with personal chapters of turmoil, died of injuries from a fiery car crash. She was 53.

Heche was “peacefully taken off life support,” spokeswoman Holly Baird said in a statement Sunday night.

Heche had been on life support at a Los Angeles burn center after suffering a “severe anoxic brain injury,” caused by a lack of oxygen, when her car crashed into a home Aug. 5, according to a statement released Thursday by a representative on behalf of her family and friends.

She was declared brain-dead Friday, but was kept on life support in case her organs could be donated, an assessment that took nine days. In the U.S., most organ transplants are done after such a determination.

A native of Ohio whose fam-

ily moved around the country, Heche endured an abusive and tragic childhood, one that helped push her into acting as a way of escaping her own life. She showed enough early promise to be offered profes-

sional work in high school and first came to prominence on the NBC soap opera “Another World” from 1987 to 1991, winning a Daytime Emmy Award for the role of twins Marley and Vicky Hudson, who on the show sustained injuries that anticipated Heche’s: Vicky falls into a coma for months after a car crash.

By the late 1990s Heche was one of the hottest actors in Hollywood, a constant on magazine covers and in big-budget films. In 1997 alone, she played opposite Johnny Depp as his wife in “Donnie Brasco” and Tommy Lee



Heche

Jones in “Volcano” and was part of the ensemble cast in the original “I Know What You Did Last Summer.”

The following year, she starred with Ford in “Six Days, Seven Nights” and appeared with Vince Vaughn and Joaquin Phoenix in “Return to Paradise.” She also played one of cinema’s most famous murder victims, Marion Crane of “Psycho,” in Gus Van Sant’s remake of the Alfred Hitchcock classic, and co-starred in the indie favorite “Walking and Talking.”

Around the same time, her personal life led to even greater fame, and both personal and professional upheaval. She met Ellen DeGeneres at a the 1997 Vanity Fair Oscar party, fell in love and began a 3-year relationship that made one of Hollywood’s first openly gay couples. But Heche later said

her career was damaged by an industry wary of casting her in leading roles. She would remember advisers opposing her decision to have DeGeneres accompany her to the premiere of “Volcano.”

“We were tapped on the shoulder, put into her limo in the third act and told that we couldn’t have pictures of us taken at the press junket,” Heche said in 2018 on the podcast Irish Goodbye.

After she and DeGeneres parted, Heche had a public breakdown and would speak candidly of her mental health struggles.

Heche’s delicately elfin look belied her strength on screen. When she won the National Board of Review’s 1997 best supporting actress award, the board cited the one-two punch of “Donnie Brasco” and the political satire “Wag the Dog,” in which Heche portrayed a cynical White House aide and held her own against film great Robert De Niro.

## Woman and her son endure boyfriend’s odd behavior

**DEAR ABBY:** My boyfriend of seven years is very competitive. There is constantly this underlying contest about whose kid is better, whose dog is better, etc. It’s silly. They are both great kids (and dogs) in their individual ways, and I suspect he likes to brag about his 11-year-old daughter just to publicize that she’s “great.”

He often criticizes my son. He also has “house rules” for us that he doesn’t hold himself or his daughter to, and becomes upset if I bring it up. I like doing things with him and with his daughter, but not when they’re together because it’s always them against us. She also hangs on him constantly and whines when I’m around.

I realize I can’t change how he acts, but I feel like I constantly need to prove myself to him and stick up for my son. Sometimes I’m a little jealous because he treats his daughter so differently than he treats us. I don’t want to feel this way. Can you help me come up with a different way of reacting to it?

**WEARY IN WISCONSIN**

**DEAR WEARY:** Frankly, your question, “Can you come up with a different way of reacting to the way your boyfriend treats you and your son?” surprised me. The traits you have described are obnoxious. I find it hard to believe that for seven years you’ve tolerated the double standard he exhibits and his constant criticism of your son — who by

now probably thinks there is something wrong with himself —because of it. Put your foot down (better late than never)! Insist that he stop criticizing your boy and displaying the double standard. If he doesn’t comply, for both your sakes, end the relationship.

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**DEAR ABBY:** Last year a friend of mine had a baby shower, which I attended, and I bought her an expensive gift. Shortly after, her baby was, unfortunately, stillborn. Rather than return the gifts or save them for a future child, my friend sold them on an online virtual yard sale. I was upset because I had spent a lot of money and, had she returned the item, I could’ve used it because I was pregnant. Needless to say, I didn’t tell her how I felt.

Now, one year later, she’s pregnant again. Honestly, I’m happy for her, but she’s having another baby shower. What would be the rule of etiquette here? I want to go, but I don’t feel I should have to buy her another gift.

**UPSET IN THE EAST**

**DEAR UPSET:** It’s regrettable that the gifts from the first pregnancy weren’t returned to the givers or kept for a future pregnancy, but chances are that your friend was an emotional wreck after having lost her baby, and she wasn’t thinking straight. If you plan to attend this shower, you should absolutely bring a gift.

## DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
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**A side note: While reading your letter, I recalled that although the practice is well-entrenched here, not all cultures have baby showers before a child is born. In China, Egypt and France, the celebration is held after the birth. And in Ireland, Russia and Japan, it’s considered bad luck to have a baby shower before the baby arrives.**

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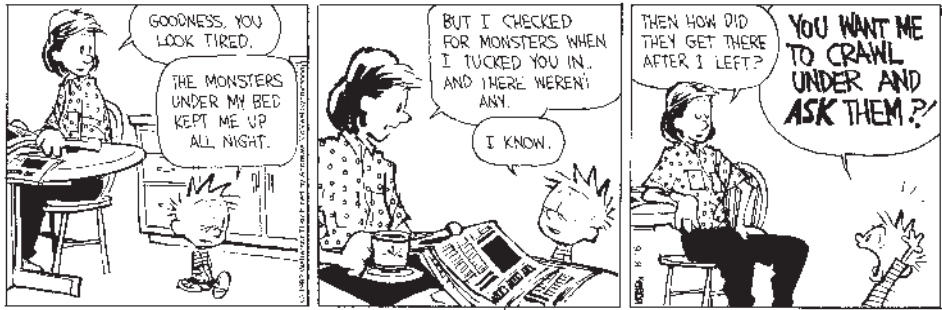
Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in “The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It.” To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)



# Pastimes

## Calvin and Hobbes

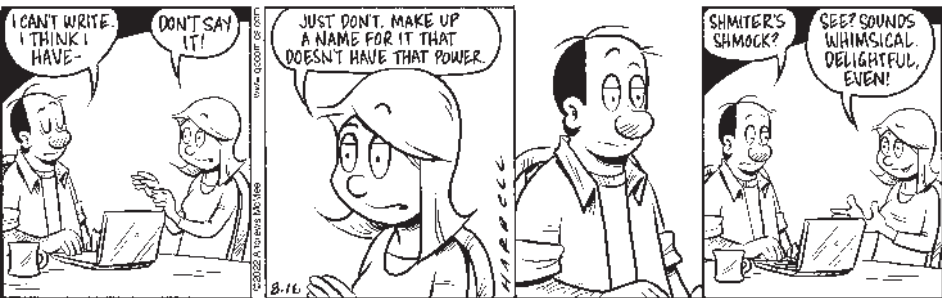
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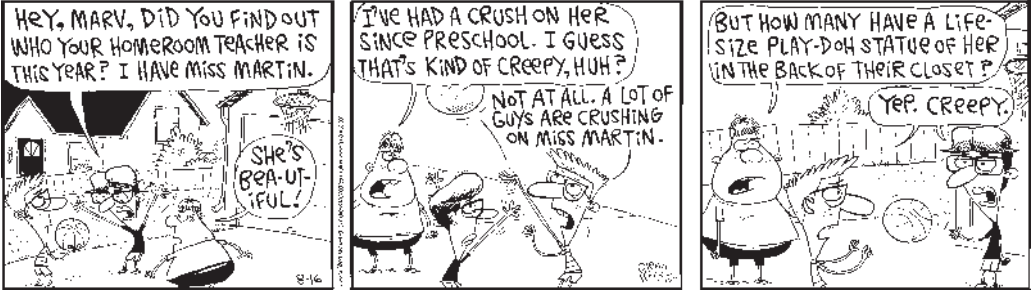
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By Eugene Sheffer

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13 Director Wertmuller  
14 Cutesy—  
15 Beau  
17 "Nova" ailer  
18 Oodles  
19 Media mogul Winfrey  
21 Brother of Moses  
24 Concerning  
25 Large amount  
26 Novelty dance at a wedding  
30 Pampering, for short  
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32 Tokyo's historic name  
33 Quarantines

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36 Baseball legend Willie  
37 Mission man  
38 Arizona city  
40 Pants part  
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43 Exceed  
48 —  
-Manuel  
Miranda  
49 Clump of grass  
50 Locks  
51 Young bloke  
52 Summers in Paris  
53 Sciences' partner

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5 Skirt  
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7 Hostel  
8 "Vogue" singer  
9 Collar, as a  
suspect  
10 Japanese noodles  
11 Ritz  
16 Director Howard  
20 Snoop  
21 Sparkling Italian wine  
22 Shake-speare title starter  
23 Advise  
24 Pen fluids  
26 Cave creatures  
27 French article  
28 Air freshener  
target  
29 Vatican VIP  
31 Infant's outfit  
34 Napkin's perch  
35 Green tea variety  
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deux  
38 Bridge fee  
39 Director Kazan  
40 Ump's ruling  
41 Tolkien creatures  
44 Trench  
45 Olf-pierced body part  
46 Petty peeve  
47 ER workers

**Solution time: 22 mins.**

**Yesterday's answer 8-16**

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Cameron Monaghan, 29; Steve Carell, 60; Angela Bassett, 64; Madonna, 64.

**Happy Birthday:** Expand your mind and interests. Go on a pilgrimage to discover what's new and exciting that you can incorporate into your life. Accept change, but don't let go of what's important to you. By learning all you can and mastering what you enjoy doing most, you will find a way to update and use your skills to advance. Personal growth and patience are encouraged. Your numbers are 5, 18, 24, 26, 32, 37, 43.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Take the edge off. Sit back and reflect, and you'll see things differently. Don't buy into someone's dream when you have your dreams to bring to fruition. Love who you are and what you can do for yourself and others. ★★★★★

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Put a big push behind your plans. Discuss your ambitions, and engage in whatever it takes to get things done correctly. Don't let a partnership go sour because you don't follow through with your plans after a discussion regarding what's next. ★★★

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Get in touch with your feelings and do what excites you, and you'll be happy with the results and the connections you make along the way. A push to be fit will show results and encourage a healthy lifestyle. Romance is favored. ★★★

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Relax, sit back and enjoy the scenery. Let your mind wander and engage in new possibilities that allow you to use your skills more efficiently. Let your attributes grow, and adjust to keep current and spark personal growth. ★★★

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Break down your options before making a decision. It's essential to understand the mechanism behind what you do and how it benefits you and others. Make your health and emotional well-being your priorities and your happiness your objective. ★★★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Go where the action is and participate. Get involved, do your own thing and use your skills to help others. The way you reach out and the people you touch will turn into your most significant resources. Leave nothing undone. Romance is encouraged. ★★★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Avoid joint endeavors, regardless of the presentation. You should do your own thing instead of paying for something someone else is

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Put your energy where it counts. If you waste time arguing, you will miss an incredible opportunity. Trust your intelligence to help you overcome temptation. Evaluate your current position, and adjust your lifestyle to fit your budget. ★★

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Get things up and running; don't lose sight of your goal. Look at the big picture and plan your victory march. Recognize what's best for you, and don't stop until you reach your destination. Physical improvements, romance and long-term plans are encouraged. ★★★★★

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Change begins with you. Don't follow what works for someone else. Find a plan that's in sync with what you want to pursue. Consider how you can use your attributes to accomplish something you feel destined to follow. Embrace life aggressively. ★★★

**Birthday Baby:** You are engaging, charismatic and affectionate. You are unpredictable and inviting.

★: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ★★: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ★★★: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ★★★★★: Aim high; start new projects. ★★★★★: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

Difficulty Level ★★

8/16

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's Answer

7 6 5 4 9 1 2 3 8  
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9 5 6 1 2 7 8 4 3  
4 1 2 8 3 9 7 6 5  
8 9 1 3 6 5 4 7 2  
5 7 4 9 1 2 3 8 6  
6 2 3 7 4 8 5 1 9

## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

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Solution: 8 letters

K S P A N I S H S P R I N G S  
A U L M B A O A V I A R Y A R  
Y R A R O R S L O O P U O M E  
L T N E C T A G O G E O G A T  
A I S D C S R M V P C T A R M  
T C I B E A A I L T N D P S U  
S B N U N K R R N R E A Y A S T  
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V N E E I I P D L O L I D N C  
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# Rasmussen perfect through 8, pitches Rays past Orioles, 4-1



ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.

(AP)—Drew Rasmussen took a perfect game into the ninth inning, and the Tampa Bay Rays expanded their lead over Baltimore for the final AL wild card to 1 1/2 games with a 4-1 victory over the Orioles on Sunday.

Rasmussen (7-4) allowed his first baserunner when Jorge Mateo doubled down the left-field line on the first pitch of the ninth. Mateo later scored on a Rasmussen wild pitch.

Jason Adam got two outs for his sixth save, finishing a one-hitter.

There hasn't been a perfect game in the majors since Seattle's Felix Hernandez accomplished the feat at home against the Rays on Aug. 15, 2012.

Randy Arozarena hit a three-run homer off Jordan Lyles (9-9) with two out in the third. Arozarena has 15 homers and 38 RBIs in 37 games against Baltimore.

## Royals 4, Dodgers 0

In Kansas City, Mo., Brady Singer pitched six dominant innings, and the Royals ended the Dodgers' 12-game winning streak.

A day after hitting six home runs in a romp, the Dodgers were held to just two hits.

Singer (6-4) pitched one-hit ball against the team with the best record in the majors. Scott Barlow got four outs for his 19th save.

Vinnie Pasquantino homered among his three hits and drove in two runs.

Tyler Anderson (12-2) gave up three runs in six innings.

## Cardinals 6, Brewers 3

In St. Louis, Albert Pujols homered twice and Miles Mikolas tossed eight effective innings, leading the Cardinals to the win.

Dylan Carlson and Tyler O'Neill also connected for St. Louis, which pushed its NL Central lead over second-place Milwaukee to 1 1/2 games.

Carlson broke a 2-all tie with his eighth homer of the season, a drive to left against Taylor Rogers (1-6) in the eighth.

Hunter Renfro and Rowdy Tellez homered for Milwaukee, which beat St. Louis 3-2 in 10 innings on Saturday night.

Pujols hit a solo shot in the second and a three-run drive in the eighth to give him 689 career homers.

Mikolas (9-9) permitted two runs and four hits.

## Mets 6, Phillies 0

In New York, Chris Bassitt pitched five innings of four-



Tampa Bay Rays starter Drew Rasmussen pitches against the Baltimore Orioles during the first inning of a baseball game Sunday, Aug. 14, 2022, in St. Petersburg, Fla. AP

hit ball, and the Mets beat the Phillies for their 17th win in 20 games.

Daniel Vogelbach homered and Mark Canha had two hits for New York, which moved 35 games over .500 for the first time since September 2006.

The Mets posted their second straight shutout and kept 5 1/2 games ahead of Atlanta atop the NL East. The Mets and Braves open a four-game series in Atlanta beginning Monday.

The Phillies have dropped three of four after winning seven straight.

Bassitt (10-7) struck out five and walked two.

Philadelphia's Zack Wheeler (11-6) allowed six runs in six innings.

## Guardians 7, Blue Jays 2

In Toronto, Cleveland ace Shane Bieber pitched seven innings to win his fourth straight start, matching the longest winning streak of his career.

Amed Rosario homered and scored three times as the AL Central leaders won for the seventh time in eight games. Austin Hedges had two hits and two RBIs.

Bieber (8-6) allowed two runs and eight hits, equaling a four-game winning streak from June 17 to July 3, 2018.

Blue Jays right-hander Kevin Gausman (8-9) allowed five runs and nine hits in 4 2/3 innings.

## Braves 3, Marlins 1

In Miami, rookie Michael Harris II hit a tying homer in the ninth and William Contreras had a go-ahead single, helping Atlanta finish a sweep of the four-game series.

The Braves won their sixth straight after losing four of five against the NL East-leading Mets.

Harris' leadoff shot in the ninth tied it at 1. He drove the first pitch from Tanner Scott (4-5) over the wall in left center for his 12th homer.

Contreras drove in Vaughn Grissom with a hard grounder later in the inning, and Matt Olson scored on a wild pitch by Scott.

The Marlins have scored three or fewer runs in 15 consecutive games, matching the 1979 Chicago Cubs for the second-longest drought in the division era.

Tyler Matzek (3-2) got the win, and Kenley Jansen earned his 27th save.

## Padres 6, Nationals 0

In Washington, Blake Snell struck out 10 in six sharp innings, Juan Soto reached base three times and the Padres wrapped up a hectic weekend with a victory.

On Friday, with so much focus on Soto's return to Washington after a major trade this month, the Padres found out star shortstop Fernando Tatis Jr. had been suspended 80 games after testing positive for a performance-enhancing substance.

Then Saturday, San Diego manager Bob Melvin was upset with a disputed call at home plate in a one-run loss. Sunday was smoother all around because of Snell (5-6).

Washington's Paolo Espino (0-5) gave up four runs in 5 2/3 innings.

## Red Sox 3, Yankees 0

In Boston, Michael Wacha allowed two hits in seven innings in his return from a shoulder injury, and Rafael Devers homered to lead last-place Boston past division-leading New York.

Tommy Pham had three hits for the Red Sox, who took two of three from New York,

which has lost nine of its last 11 games.

The Yankees still have a double-digit lead in the division; the Red Sox are seventh in the race for the AL's three wild-card spots.

Wacha (7-1) took a perfect game into the fifth inning. He walked one and struck out nine. Garrett Whitlock earned his fourth save.

Jameson Taillon (11-3) allowed three runs on six hits, striking out four to pick up his first loss since July 5.

## White Sox 5, Tigers 3

In Chicago, AJ Pollock and Andrew Vaughn homered, helping the White Sox complete a three-game sweep.

Pollock, Eloy Jiménez and José Abreu each had two hits for the White Sox, who remained 2 1/2 games behind AL Central-leading Cleveland. Lance Lynn (3-5) pitched six effective innings, and Kendall Graveman earned his sixth save.

Harold Castro homered and Javier Báez had two hits for the Tigers, who have dropped seven straight. Tyler Alexander (2-7) gave up three runs in five innings.

## Astros 6, Athletics 3

In Houston, Cristian Javier threw six shutout innings, Alex Bregman hit a two-run homer and the Astros swept the Athletics.

Bregman's 16th homer against Cole Irvin (6-10) was his second straight day with a two-run shot in the first. He also hit an RBI double in the seventh.

Javier (7-8) allowed one single and walked three in his first win since July 1. Ryan Pressly earned his 23rd save.

It was the eighth consecutive loss for the AL-worst Athletics, their longest skid

since dropping a season-worst 10 in a row from May 30-June 10.

## Rangers 5, Mariners 3

In Arlington, Texas, Texas star Corey Seager doubled twice and scored twice, including the tiebreaking run in the seventh inning.

Josh Sborz (1-0) struck out five of the seven batters he faced in the seventh and eighth innings, allowing only one walk. The five strikeouts were a career high.

Jose Leclerc pitched a perfect ninth inning for his first save since 2020.

Seager doubled to left field with two outs in the seventh, reached third on a wild pitch by Matt Brash (3-4) and scored on Adolis Garcia's single.

## Diamondbacks 7, Rockies 4

In Denver, Christian Walker had four hits, including a 460-foot homer, and drove in four runs, leading rookie Tommy Henry and Arizona to the victory.

Walker hit two doubles along with his 27th home run.

Henry (2-1) won in his third career start, allowing three runs and five hits in 5 1/3 innings. Ian Kennedy finished for his eighth save.

Colorado starter Ryan Feltner (2-4) was charged with five earned runs and seven hits in 4 1/3 innings.

## Reds 8, Cubs 5

In Cincinnati, Jose Barrero hit a tiebreaking RBI single in Cincinnati's three-run fifth inning, and the Reds stopped a five-game slide.

Aristides Aquino hit a three-run drive for Cincinnati, and Austin Romine doubled home two runs. Joel Kuhnel (2-1) pitched two

scoreless innings for the win, and Alexis Diaz got five outs for his fifth save.

Cincinnati's Joey Votto made his 1,989th career appearance, snapping a tie with Hall of Famer Larry Walker for the most in major league history by players born in Canada.

Patrick Wisdom, Yan Gomes and Christopher Morel homered for Chicago. Anderson Espinoza (0-2) was charged with the loss.

## Angels 4, Twins 2

In Anaheim, Calif., the Los Angeles Angels played three miserable months without getting on the type of roll they've hit over the past week.

The surge is probably too late to save the Halos' season, but any chance to shine means the world to Tucker Davidson and the other Angels playing for their futures.

Davidson pitched six innings of four-hit ball for his first Angels win, Luis Rengifo had a two-run double and Los Angeles won back-to-back series for the first time since mid-May with a 4-2 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Sunday.

Shohei Ohtani had an RBI single for the Angels, who have won five of six overall. Los Angeles hasn't played this well over a full week since beginning its freefall from first place in the AL West to what's almost certain to be an eighth consecutive nonplayoff season.

Davidson (2-3) yielded only two runs in a solid Big A debut for the Angels, who acquired the left-hander at the trade deadline for closer Raisel Iglesias.

## Giants 8, Pirates 7

In San Francisco, Thairo Estrada hit a two-run homer with one out in the ninth inning and the San Francisco Giants edged the Pittsburgh Pirates 8-7 in a back-and-forth game Sunday.

Evan Longoria, whose wild throw gave Pittsburgh the go-ahead run in the top of the ninth, started the rally in the bottom half with a leadoff single against Wil Crowe (4-7).

After pinch-runner J.D. Davis was forced out at second on a grounder by Mike Yastrzemski, Estrada cleared the wall in left-center for his 11th homer and first career walk off.

"I enjoyed every minute of it," Estrada said through an interpreter. "As soon as I made contact, I knew it was gone."

Bryan Reynolds homered, doubled and drove in five runs for the Pirates, who lost their fourth in a row. They went 2-8 on a road trip that covered nearly 6,000 miles from Baltimore to Arizona to San Francisco.



# Cameron Smith has claret jug and now eyes No. 1 in the world

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—British Open champion Cameron Smith has spent all week ignoring queries about reports he will be the latest to leave the PGA Tour for Saudi-funded LIV Golf. His only concern was try to win the FedEx Cup playoffs.

Now there's another perk at stake: No. 1 in the world.

Even as J.J. Spaun picked up a pair of late birdies for a 2-under 68 to main a one-shot lead over Sepp Straka, and Will Zalatoris moved into contention for his first PGA Tour title, Smith is who got everyone's attention Saturday in the FedEx St. Jude Championship.

He birdied his last hole for a 67, leaving him among those two shots out of the lead and fully aware that a win takes him to No. 1 in the world.

"That's been one of my goals probably since the start of the year is to try to get to that top spot," Smith said. "Try and chase it down."

A week that began with a federal judge delivering a blow to LIV Golf by denying the request from three of its players to be part of the post-season could very well end with a new No. 1 that appears headed for the rival series.

Distractions don't seem to be a problem for the Aussie, and there is no shortage of them.

"There's definitely been a few more, but for me, I'm just trying to hit the best shot I can," Smith said. That's what I'm here to do is to hit good golf shots and make birdies."

Spaun had a two-putt birdie on the par-5 16th and holed an 18-foot birdie putt on the next hole to claim the 54-hole lead a 13-under 197. Straka was right there with him until he failed to save par from the bunker on the 18th for a 68 that left him one shot behind.

Both are first-time winners on the PGA Tour this year, and a victory in a FedEx Cup playoffs even carries even more weight — \$2.7 million to the winner and a guaranteed spot at East Lake for the FedEx Cup finale.

Zalatoris is just as hungry for a win. He has been a tough customer in the majors, losing in a playoff at the PGA Championship and finishing one back in the U.S. Open. He is No. 14 in the world. And he has yet to win on the PGA Tour.

Zalatoris opened with a 71 that put him in such a hole that



Cameron Smith, of Australia, walks off the sixth tee during the third round of the St. Jude Championship golf tournament, Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022, in Memphis, Tenn.

even his fiancée wanted to know their plans if he didn't make it to the weekend.

"I told her, 'Let's cross that bridge when he get there,'" Zalatoris said with a smile. He decided to let his new caddie, Joel Stock, read putts in their second official round together. Zalatoris shot a 63 and followed with a 65 on Saturday.

He also was two behind, along with Trey Mullinax (66).

As for the chase to the next playoff event, consider Tyler Duncan. He is No. 118 in the FedEx Cup, and only the top 70 move on to the BMW Championship next week in Delaware. Duncan had a 67 and was tied for sixth. He was three behind, and even if he doesn't win, he can move on if he can hold his position.

Ryan Palmer had a 32 on the back nine to salvage a 69 leaving him on the cusp of the top 70 that will advance.

There are 16 players separated by four shots, a group that includes Sam Burns and Tony Finau. A winner in his last two starts, Finau ended his streak of 11 rounds at 68 or lower. He made a bogey on the last hole gave him a 69, leaving him four behind.

No one stands out like Smith, for so many reasons. Not only is it his first start since being introduced at St. Andrews as the "champion golfer of the year," the Daily Telegraph reported Tuesday that he had signed with LIV and would join the defectors outside Boston after the Tour Championship is over.

Smith has steadfastly refused to talk about it.

"I'm a man of my word and whenever you guys need to know anything, it'll be said by me," Smith said Tuesday. That was shortly before a California federal judge denied a request by three LIV golfers to play in the FedEx Cup playoffs.

Still, the Saudi talk and the disruption in golf is hard to ignore. Palmer was finishing up his interview and discussing the merits of trying to move into the top 70 and stay in the hunt for the top 30 who advance to the Tour Championship at East Lake.

Smith was on deck, standing within earshot, about 10 feet away. Palmer became more passionate about the FedEx Cup playoffs, and it probably wasn't a coincidence.

"That's what I love about what we do out here. There's always somewhere to go up and there's always something to play for," Palmer said. "Win each week, move into the top 70, moving to East Lake. That's what's good about the PGA Tour is there's somewhere to go. We're not playing for just money. It's great."

## Serena's Legacy: Plenty of wins, plenty of stands on issues

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A couple of days before Serena Williams claimed the 22nd of her 23 Grand Slam singles titles at Wimbledon in 2016, she was asked what she makes of it when people refer to her as one of history's greatest female athletes.

Her reply: She prefers being characterized as "one of the greatest athletes of all time."

That one, brief response from Williams said quite a lot — about her one-of-a-kind talent with a racket in hand, about her status as an icon, about her willingness to stand up for herself, about why women's sports should not be thought of any differently than men's sports.

That all came to mind again Tuesday, when Williams indicated she is preparing to walk away from her professional tennis career as the start of the U.S. Open approaches on Aug. 29 and her 41st birthday next month nears.

Yes, with shouts of "Come on!" marking the journey, she's won the most major singles championships in the professional era of tennis, which began in 1968; more than the 22 for Steffi Graf or Rafael Nadal, more than the

21 for Novak Djokovic, more than the 20 for Roger Federer, more than the 18 for Chris Evert or Martina Navratilova, more than anyone else. And, yes, Williams won a total of 73 tour-level singles titles and spent more than six years' worth of weeks ranked No. 1. And she combined with older sister Venus to claim 14 Grand Slam women's doubles titles. And then there are the four Olympic gold medals. And so on. And so on.

Still, mere numbers can't capture everything Williams has represented during a distinguished career that began when she was a teenager in the 1990s and is remarkable for not just the successes but also the longevity, including a record 10 major championships after turning 30.

"She's lasted longer than most, if not all, female tennis pros. She's transcended tennis and become a leader on many important cultural, social and gender issues. She has lived an extraordinary life," Evert wrote in a text message to The Associated Press, "and will undoubtedly continue to crash the glass ceiling in the future."

Indeed, what Williams did without a racket in her hand is rather noteworthy, and

extends past the millions in endorsement deals; the flirtations with acting; the interest in fashion design and penchant for bringing the catwalk to the court with body suits and knee-high boots and whatever else she decided to try; the celebrity and place in pop culture; and, most recently, the work as a venture capitalist ("Seventy-eight% of our portfolio happens to be companies started by women and people of color, because that's who we are," Williams said).

"It is important to take a step back and think about everything that Serena has brought to our sport and what she has accomplished both on and off the court," said Steve Simon, the head of the WTA women's tennis tour. "She is one of the greatest champions, an entrepreneur, a mother, an investor in women's business ventures and an inspiration to women and girls across the world."

Williams spoke out about being Black in her sport — she was the first to win a Grand Slam tournament since Althea Gibson in the 1950s — and in her country. She stayed away from a tournament in California for years after she and her father heard racist taunts there. She

talked about being a woman in tennis, about being a woman who dealt with complications in childbirth, about being a mother (her daughter, Olympia, turns 5 on Sept. 1, and Williams wants to have another baby).

She and Venus helped their sport reach a broader audience and helped bring a broader slice of society into their sport (Coco Gauff, the 18-year-old African-American who was the runner-up at the French Open in May, said Tuesday she plays what she called "a predominantly white sport" because she "saw somebody who looked like me dominating the game").

"I don't particularly like to think about my legacy. I get asked about it a lot, and I never know exactly what to say," Williams wrote in an essay released by Vogue magazine. "But I'd like to think that thanks to opportunities afforded to me, women athletes feel that they can be themselves on the court. They can play with aggression and pump their fists. They can be strong yet beautiful. They can wear what they want and say what they want and kick butt and be proud of it all."

There were, to be sure, moments that she perhaps was

not as proud of, confrontations with match officials that led to getting docked a point or a game in U.S. Open losses to Naomi Osaka and Kim Clijsters — maybe the sorts of episodes she was referring to in her essay when she said: "I've made a lot of mistakes in my career. Mistakes are learning experiences, and I embrace those moments. I'm far from perfect, but I've also taken a lot of criticism, and I'd like to think that I went through some hard times as a professional tennis player so that the next generation could have it easier."

Her serve was a gift, as were the powerful groundstrokes that she and Venus — her opponent in nine all-in-the-family Grand Slam finals — made a permanent part of the game. So, too, was an unbending will and desire to always come out on top, whether the person across the net was Big Sis or anyone else, whether she was trying to win a point during a match or make a point in an interview.

"I want to be great. I want to be perfect," Williams said. "I know perfect doesn't exist, but whatever my perfect was, I never wanted to stop until I got it right."

In tennis, of course, and beyond.



# Browns' Watson apologizes 'to all the women I have impacted'

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Cleveland Browns quarterback Deshaun Watson apologized Friday "to all the women I have impacted" after being accused by two dozen women of sexual misconduct during massage therapy sessions.

Watson, who is facing a potential year-long NFL suspension, spoke before Cleveland's exhibition opener in Jacksonville — his first game since Jan. 3, 2021, with the Houston Texans.

Watson was suspended six games earlier this month by independent arbiter Sue L. Robinson, who concluded he violated the league's personal conduct policy with "egregious" and "predatory" behavior.

As part of her decision, the retired federal judge noted Watson's lack of remorse.

Watson was asked in a pregame interview with the team's in-house TV crew Friday for his response to Robinson's position that he hasn't been contrite.

"Look, I want to say that I'm truly sorry to all of the women that I have impacted in this situation," Watson said in the interview. "The decisions that I



Cleveland Browns quarterback Deshaun Watson (4) looks for a receiver as he is pressured by Jacksonville Jaguars defensive end Roy Robertson-Harris (95) during the first half of an NFL preseason football game, Friday, Aug. 12, 2022, in Jacksonville, Fla.

made in my life that put me in this position I would definitely like to have back, but I want to continue to move forward and grow and learn and show that I am a true person of character and I am going to keep pushing forward."

This is the first time Watson has publicly apologized for his

alleged behavior. In his two media interviews since joining the Browns in March, he had said only that he had "no regrets" while acknowledging his actions had negatively impacted "so many people."

Watson had an uneventful debut, completing just 1 of 5 passes for 7 yards in three se-

ries before being replaced in Cleveland's 24-13 win. Jacoby Brissett, who is expected to start during Watson's suspension, didn't play.

Watson was accused of sexually harassing or assaulting the women during the therapy sessions in 2020 and 2021. He has always denied wrongdoing

and grand juries in two Texas counties declined to indict him on criminal complaints.

The three-time Pro Bowler settled 23 of 24 civil lawsuits.

However, he's still facing discipline from the league, which appealed Robinson's penalty and is seeking a full-season ban along with a significant fine over \$5 million and for Watson to undergo evaluation and treatment before he could be reinstated.

The appeal is now with Peter C. Harvey, a former New Jersey attorney general appointed by Commissioner Roger Goodell.

There's no timetable on Harvey's decision. It's also possible the sides could work out a settlement. On Thursday, a person familiar with Watson's defense told AP that the 26-year-old would agree to an eight-game suspension and \$5 million fine.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the high-profile case.

Watson has continued to practice and was excited about making his debut with Cleveland, which traded three-first-round picks to Houston for him in March and signed him to a five-year, \$230 million contract.

Depending on Harvey's ruling, Watson could be away from the Browns for an extended period. He was asked what kind of personal growth he hoped to make.

"I know I have a lot of work to put in, especially on the field to be able to make sure I'm ready to play whenever that time comes whenever I can step back on the field," he said. "But also, the biggest thing is I want to continue counseling and I want to make sure that I'm growing as a person, as an individual for my decision-making on and off the field."

"I want to make sure that I'm just evolving in the community as much as possible, and that is for the Cleveland community, that is the NFL community and beyond."

If Watson is suspended indefinitely, he would not be able to practice or play in the preseason so he was looking forward to facing the Jaguars.

"I'm super excited," he said. "I'm excited to get out there with my new teammates and go out there and compete. Each and every snap, I want to make sure I cherish that because I'm not sure when the next time I'll be able to get out there with those guys."

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	72	43	.626	
Toronto	61	52	.540	10
Tampa Bay	60	53	.531	11
Baltimore	59	55	.518	12½
Boston	57	59	.491	15½
Central Division				
Cleveland	61	53	.535	
Chicago	59	56	.513	2½
Minnesota	58	55	.513	2½
Kansas City	48	68	.414	14
Detroit	43	73	.371	19
West Division				
Houston	75	41	.647	
Seattle	62	54	.534	13
Texas	51	63	.447	23
Los Angeles	51	64	.443	23½
Oakland	41	74	.357	33½
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	75	40	.652	
Atlanta	70	46	.603	5½
Philadelphia	63	51	.553	11½
Miami	50	65	.435	25
Washington	38	78	.328	37½
Central Division				
St. Louis	63	51	.553	
Milwaukee	61	52	.540	1½
Chicago	47	66	.416	15½
Cincinnati	45	68	.398	17½
Pittsburgh	45	70	.391	18½
West Division				
Los Angeles	79	34	.699	
San Diego	65	52	.556	16
San Francisco	57	57	.500	22½
Arizona	53	61	.465	26½
Colorado	51	66	.436	30

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## QUEENS

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and Pangelinan as well as some faulty fielding by Kosebaki allowed Queens of the Diamond to score 6 runs at the start of the fourth inning to grab a 9-4 lead.

Kosebaki retaliated with 2 runs in the bottom of the inning as Isaac doubled in Heather Kladikim and she herself crossed home plate following an error by Queens of the Diamond's Kiana Aldan.

Salalila would drive in Kiana Camacho at the start of the next inning before Aldan made up for her consecutive errors in the fourth with an insurance home run in the top of the sixth.

Pangelinan would tuck in one more extra run even as Scaliem and Isaac would each double in the final inning with the latter scoring a run as the battle of the unbeaten turned out to be a rout.

Aldan went only 1-3 from the plate, but made it count with a home run. She also drove in three runners and

had a run for the now 4-0 Queens of the Diamond.

Her fellow bash sister and namesake, Kiana Camacho, was 2-3 at bat with two runs, a double, and had a walk.

Pangelinan also proved equally at home on the softball field as she's in the basketball court, as the national team point guard went 2-3 with two runs and two RBIs. Salalila went 2-4 facing Scaliem with two ribbies. Pitcher Bert Camacho was impressive from the mound with 5 strikeouts.

Kosebaki, which dropped to 3-1, was led by Isaac who

had a 3-3 stint from the plate along with three RBIs, two doubles, and a run.

Kaipat and Sansannie Matsutaro also had an RBI each with the latter going 1-4 from the plate and the former 1-3.

Scaliem one-upped Camacho as the Kosebaki hurler had 6 strikeouts in the loss.

Results of the men's division games will be published in tomorrow's issue of *Saipan Tribune*.



MARK RABAGO

Kosebaki's Jennie Scaliem had 6 strikeouts in their loss to Queens of the Diamond in the women's division of the 2022 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association League last Sunday at the Dandan Softball Field.

## HOTSHOTS

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Roligat, for her part, said she just admired her team's resilience especially after losing to 4Funsies in the semifinals.

"My team put up a great fight, which in the end led to victory. It was harder for us to win because we fell into the loser's bracket on the second day which meant we had to play back-to-back games, but all in all, I'd say we needed that loss because it fueled us to become even hungrier to win the championship."

She attributed Hotshots' success to team chemistry and everyone having each other's backs.

"We all played our game helping in any way each of us could and made sure to reach 21 points or get a lead before the time was out. But most of all it was a great journey to get all the ladies back on their toes in preparation for the upcoming national tryouts," said the Marianas High School Lady Dolphins forward.

Pagarao, for her part, said the halfcourt format of the tournament is actually harder than playing full court.

"I think 3x3 is more hard because it has more space to play and you gotta be more aggressive to attack and I feel like you would always have to rush because it's just seconds. You need endurance when you play 3x3,

while with 5x5 you have so much time and you need to be more aware of what's going on since it's always compact inside and you can always take your time to reset the play and more tactics," she said.

4Funsies started its campaign in the 3x3 Hoopfest with a 7-5 win over Lady Aces. They then overcame Bae-Ballerz, 12-10, to advance to the semifinals.

Hotshots defeated Jammerz, 16-8, in its first game before losing to 4Funsies in the semis, 14-9. Fortunately, Hotshots got to live another day after taking down Bae-Ballerz in the loser's bracket finals, 15-11, to get another crack against the erstwhile undefeated 4Funsies.

## SINCLAIR

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No. 2 position, beat Saudi Arabia's Saud Alhoggani, 7-5, 6-0, while Sinclair won his No. 1 singles match against Ammar Faleh Alhoggani, 6-4, 6-0.

Baudinet and Tahiti's Gillian Osmont then won their doubles match against Zaid Ahmed and Abdullah Alfaraj, 7-6 (7), 6-2.

Pacific Oceania also swept

Pool B teams United Arab Emirates and Iran to advance to the 2022 Asia/Oceania Group III Davis Cup Event opposite the hosts.

Vietnam topped Pool A with similar 3-0 wins over Malaysia, Syria, and Jordan.

The Pacific Oceania is captained by Vanuatu's Aymeric Mara and is also made up of Papua New Guinea's Matthew Stubbings, who was sidelined by an injury. Cyril Mainguy served as the team's manager.





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## Queens of the Diamond only undefeated team

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Queens of the Diamond's Rachel Salalila went 2-4 at bat with two RBIs in their 12-7 win against Kosebaki in the women's division of the 2022 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association League last Sunday at the Dandan Softball Field.

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**Q**ueens of the Diamond gave Kosebaki a royal beatdown, 12-7, to remain the only undefeated team in the women's division of the 2022 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association League last Sunday at the Dandan Softball Field.

Kosebaki actually started off strong as fielding errors by Queens of the Diamond and timely singles by Mardina Kaipat, Hermina Kelly, and Rachel Isaac gave them a 4-1 lead after the first inning.



Queens of the Diamond inched closer in the third when Taselyn Ramon and Destiny Pangelinan crossed home plate to make it 4-3.

That proved to be just the beginning as after ERA league-leader Bert Camacho had a 1-2-3 inning capped by a strikeout of Kosebaki counterpart Jennie Scaliem, Queens of the Diamond had a parade of runners crossing home plate in the fourth.

Singles by Camacho, Rachel Salalila, Keolani Rios, and Gabrielle Race pitched in the rest of the 5 points.

In Game 1, Hotshots forced a winner-take-all second game following a 17-10 victory. Pagarao shared the wealth in Game 1, as Roligat and Alegre led the Hotshots with 5 points apiece, while Pagarao and Pangelinan added 4 and 3 points, respectively.

Kautz had 5, Pablo 3, and Race 2 points in the Game 1 loss. The most veteran of the Hotshots players, Pagarao, said it's always a pleasure to support the Northern Marianas Islands Basketball Federation's tournaments. "We were all there to have fun and to support the NMIBF tournament. I'm always excited to play with younger players and my old teammates. I just love the sport and I make sure I can juggle and have time for both sports, which are soccer and basketball," she said.

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## Sinclair-led Pacific Oceania returns to Group II in 2023

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The CNMI's Colin Sinclair and the rest of the Pacific Oceania Davis Cup team topped the 2022 Asia/Oceania Group III Davis Cup Event held last week in Tay Ninh, Vietnam.

Entering the tie ranked No. 74 in the world, Pacific Oceania beat No. 69 Vietnam in the finals last Sunday not only to get a promotion to the Group II Play-Offs in 2023 but also take the No. 1 place in the positional Play-Offs.

Vanuatu's Clement Mainy gave Pacific Oceania a 1-0 lead after defeating Linh

Giang Trinh, 7-6 (4), 6-3, in the opening singles.

Vietnam, however, equalized when Nam Hoang Ly, who is ranked No. 344 in the world, got the better of Sinclair, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

In the deciding doubles, Sinclair teamed up with Cook Islands' Brett Baudinet and outlasted Ly and Quoc-Khanh Le, 6-7(8), 6-3, 6-3.

Last Saturday, Pacific Oceania defeated Saudi Arabia, 3-0, to win their pool without dropping a set to gain automatic promotion to the Group II Play-Offs in 2023.

Mainguy, playing in the See **SINCLAIR** on **Page 19**



## Hotshots tops 'harder' 3x3 women's tourney



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A team made up of past and present deadeye shooters of the national team topped the women's division of the 3x3 Hoopfest last Saturday at the Gillette Multi-Purpose Gymnasium in Gualo Rai. Hotshots trampled 4Funsies' twice-to-beat advantage in the championship round to rule the two-day tournament.

Irish Pagarao and Destiny Pangelinan waxed hot from rainbow country early and often to annex the 3x3 tiara in Game 2, 21-17.

Pagarao scored 9 points in the finals-clinching victory, while Pangelinan added 8 points. Frontliners Angel Roligat and Madeleine Alegre chipped in 3 and 2 points, respectively.

Miki Kautz was an offensive juggernaut on this one, leading all scorers with 12 markers, while Dianne Pablo



Hotshots' Destiny Pangelinan, center, drives against 4Funsies' Gabrielle Race, left, and Mikky Kautz during their title match in the 3x3 Hoopfest last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO  
The CNMI's Colin Sinclair, fourth from left, joins a selfie with the rest of the Pacific Oceania Davis Cup team after the team topped the 2022 Asia/Oceania Group III Davis Cup Event last Sunday in Tay Ninh, Vietnam.